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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's dependency  
2 on imported fuel drains the State's economy of billions of  
3 dollars each year. A stronger local economy depends on a  
4 transition away from imported fuels and toward renewable local  
5 resources that provide a secure source of affordable energy.  
6 Section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires each utility  
7 company that sells electricity for consumption in this State to  
8 establish a renewable energy portfolio standard of one hundred  
9 per cent of its net electricity sales by December 31, 2045.

10           The legislature further finds that mapping of a strategic  
11 plan to attain the goal of one hundred per cent energy self-  
12 sufficiency currently lacks a strategic plan. The State's  
13 energy policy should:

14           (1) Look at all alternative sources of energy that may be  
15           used as temporary bridge fuels; and



1           (2) Outline clear benchmarks so that utilities, utility-  
2           scale developers, and energy distributors have clear  
3           guidelines.

4           The purpose of this Act is to require the governor;  
5           department of business, economic development, and tourism; and  
6           Hawaii state energy office to develop a strategic plan that  
7           outlines benchmarks to meet the requirements of section 269-92,  
8           Hawaii Revised Statutes, in establishing a one hundred per cent  
9           renewable energy portfolio standard.

10          SECTION 2. (a) The Hawaii state energy office, through  
11          the department of business, economic development, and tourism,  
12          and in cooperation with the office of the governor, shall  
13          establish a strategic plan that identifies clear benchmarks to:

14           (1) Attain the goal of one hundred per cent energy self-  
15           sufficiency by December 31, 2045, including the  
16           temporary use of alternative fuels that may be used as  
17           bridge fuels; and

18           (2) Provide clarity for utilities, utility-scale  
19           developers, and energy distributors in planning to  
20           achieve the benchmarks determined under paragraph (1).



1 (b) The strategic plan established pursuant to subsection  
 2 (a) shall identify benchmarks that are quantitatively and  
 3 qualitatively measurable and the metrics to determine progress  
 4 toward attaining the goal of one hundred per cent energy self-  
 5 sufficiency by December 31, 2045.

6 (c) The department of business, economic development, and  
 7 tourism shall submit its strategic plan, including proposed  
 8 strategies, benchmarks, and metrics, to the legislature no later  
 9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session  
 10 of 2018, including any proposed statutory amendments for the  
 11 purposes of codifying the strategic plan into law.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 434

**Report Title:**

Energy; Renewable Energy; Strategic Plan; Guidelines

**Description:**

Requires the governor, DBEDT, and the Hawaii state energy office to develop a strategic plan that outlines benchmarks to achieve a one hundred per cent renewable energy portfolio standard. Requires DBEDT to submit the strategic plan to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2018.

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