
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part V to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§196- Household appliances; retailers; rebates. (a)

5 All retailers of household appliances doing business in the
6 State shall conspicuously display signage or text on household
7 appliances in a font size no smaller than one-half inch which
8 informs consumers of the following:

9 (1) Available energy efficiency rebates funded by the
10 public benefits fee; and

11 (2) Hawaii-specific energy costs for operation.

12 (b) The Hawaii state energy office, in collaboration with
13 the public benefits fee administrator, shall notify all
14 retailers subject to this section of the requirements of this
15 section."

16 SECTION 2. Section 269-123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



1 "(b) The public benefits fee administrator's duties and
2 responsibilities shall be established by the public utilities
3 commission by rule or order, and may include:

4 (1) Identifying, developing, administering, promoting,
5 implementing, and evaluating programs, methods, and
6 technologies that support energy-efficiency and
7 demand-side management programs;

8 (2) Encouraging the continuance or improvement of
9 efficiencies made in the production, delivery, and use
10 of energy-efficiency and demand-side management
11 programs and services;

12 (3) Using the energy-efficiency expertise and capabilities
13 that have developed or may develop in the State and
14 consulting with state agency experts;

15 (4) Promoting program initiatives, incentives, and market
16 strategies that address the needs of persons facing
17 the most significant barriers to participation;

18 (5) Promoting coordinated program delivery, including
19 coordination with electric public utilities regarding
20 the delivery of low-income home energy assistance,



- 1 other demand-side management or energy-efficiency
2 programs, and any utility programs;
- 3 (6) Consideration of innovative approaches to delivering
4 demand-side management and energy-efficiency services,
5 including strategies to encourage third-party
6 financing and customer contributions to the cost of
7 demand-side management and energy-efficiency services;
- 8 (7) Submitting, to the public utilities commission for
9 review and approval, a multi-year budget and planning
10 cycle that promotes program improvement, program
11 stability, and maturation of programs and delivery
12 resources; and
- 13 (8) Educating and training appliance manufacturers,
14 distributors, and retailers of appliances [~~e~~covered]:
- 15 (A) Covered under part VI of chapter 196 about the
16 appliance efficiency standards established under
17 that part; and
- 18 (B) Covered under section 196- about the energy
19 efficiency rebates funded by the public benefits
20 fee and Hawaii-specific energy cost information
21 required to be displayed under that section,



1 to improve compliance[-] with those laws."

2 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
3 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Benefits Fee Administrator;
Household Appliances

Description:

Requires retailers of household appliances to conspicuously display available energy efficiency rebates funded by the public benefits fee and state-specific energy operation costs. Takes effect on 7/1/2112. (HD1)

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