

JAN 16 2020

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 section 269-92,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires each utility company that
3 sells electricity for consumption in this State to establish a
4 renewable energy portfolio standard of one hundred per cent of
5 its net electricity sales by December 31, 2045. The legislature
6 further finds that no strategic plan currently exists for the
7 attainment of this goal.

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

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



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

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

8 (b) The strategic plan shall identify benchmarks that are
 9 quantitatively and qualitatively measurable and the metrics to
 10 determine progress toward attaining the goal of one hundred per
 11 cent energy self-sufficiency by December 31, 2045.

12 (c) The department of business, economic development, and
 13 tourism shall submit its strategic plan, including proposed
 14 strategies, benchmarks, and metrics, and any proposed
 15 legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior
 16 to the convening of the regular session of 2021.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.

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S.B. NO. 2072

Report Title:

Energy; Renewable Energy; DBEDT; Strategic Plan

Description:

Requires the Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and the Hawaii State Energy Office to develop a strategic plan that outlines benchmarks to achieve a 100% renewable energy portfolio standard. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit the strategic plan to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2021.

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