
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that section 269-92,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires each utility company that
4 sells electricity for consumption in this State to establish a
5 renewable energy portfolio standard of one hundred per cent of
6 its net electricity sales by December 31, 2045.

7 The legislature also finds that section 225P-5, Hawaii
8 Revised Statutes, establishes a zero emissions clean economy
9 target to sequester more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases
10 than emitted within the State as quickly as practicable, but no
11 later than 2045.

12 The legislature finds that no strategic plan currently
13 exists for the attainment of either of these goals.

14 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii state energy
15 office has stated its willingness to take on the task of working
16 with the legislature; office of the governor; department of
17 business, economic development, and tourism; and Hawaii's energy



1 and broader stakeholders to envision and explain how Hawaii's
2 several related statutes regarding renewable energy, energy
3 efficiency, and zero emissions clean economy target will be
4 synthesized and achieved.

5 The purpose of this part is to require the governor;
6 department of business, economic development, and tourism; and
7 Hawaii state energy office to develop a strategic plan that
8 outlines benchmarks to meet the requirements of the section 269-
9 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in establishing a one hundred per
10 cent renewable energy portfolio standard and section 225P-5,
11 Hawaii Revised Statutes, in establishing a zero emissions clean
12 economy target to sequester more atmospheric carbon and
13 greenhouse gases than are emitted.

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:

18 (1) Attain the statutory renewable portfolio standard
19 goals and zero emissions clean economy target; and

20 (2) Provide clarity for utilities, utility-scale
21 developers, the public, and Hawaii's communities and



1 energy and broader stakeholders in planning to achieve
2 the benchmarks determined under paragraph (1).

3 (b) The strategic plan shall identify benchmarks that are
4 quantitatively and qualitatively measurable and the metrics to
5 determine progress toward attaining the goals.

6 (c) The Hawaii state energy office shall submit its
7 strategic plan, including proposed strategies, benchmarks, and
8 metrics, and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no
9 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular
10 session of 2022.

11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
13 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
14 the development of the strategic plan required by this part.

15 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
16 energy office for the purposes of this part.

17 PART II

18 SECTION 4. (a) There is established an advisory group,
19 consisting of Hawaii citizens and state agencies, to:

20 (1) Provide a clear pathway for communities hosting or
21 affected by utility-scale energy projects to provide



- 1 meaningful input and participation in the attainment
2 of Hawaii's renewable energy and decarbonization
3 goals;
- 4 (2) Provide a venue for further study or discussion of
5 issues relating to specific utility-scale renewable
6 generation facilities;
- 7 (3) Enable discussion and development of measures,
8 mechanisms, or benefits that should be enforced,
9 implemented, or provided to address community impacts
10 from utility-scale renewable generation facilities;
11 and
- 12 (4) Make recommendations to Hawaii's electrical utilities,
13 regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders concerning
14 individual and cumulative renewable energy project
15 development in Hawaii.
- 16 (b) The advisory group shall be convened by the chief
17 energy officer of the Hawaii state energy office, who shall
18 invite participation from a variety of government,
19 non-government, academic, and community members. The chief
20 energy officer shall strive, to the extent possible, to include
21 among the non-government representatives at least one resident



1 from the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Lanai, Maui, and
2 Hawaii, and to include at least one teacher, farmer, native
3 Hawaiian cultural practitioner, resident living within two miles
4 of an existing utility-scale renewable energy generation
5 facility, and member of a local non-profit organization.
6 Members may be added or sub-groups created as necessary to
7 address specific issues or projects.

8 (c) The chief energy officer may choose to engage
9 facilitation services to prepare for the meetings, take notes,
10 make sure all have a chance to speak, keep discussions moving,
11 help with reaching agreement, capture the essence of the various
12 points, make sure decisions are recorded, enable small group
13 discussions when needed, and provide other logistical and
14 administrative support.

15 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for
18 the purposes of this part.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
20 energy office for the purposes of this part.



1 PART III

2 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Energy; Renewable Energy; DBEDT; Strategic Plan; Advisory Group; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the governor; DBEDT; and Hawaii state energy office to develop a strategic plan that outlines benchmarks to help achieve the statutory renewable portfolio standard goals and zero emissions clean economy target. Requires the Hawaii state energy office to submit the strategic plan before the Regular Session of 2022. Requires the chief energy officer to convene an advisory group. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050.
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