
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.

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

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

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



1 several related statutes regarding renewable energy, energy
2 efficiency, and zero emissions clean economy target will be
3 synthesized and achieved.

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 shall identify benchmarks that are
2 quantitatively and qualitatively measurable and the metrics to
3 determine progress toward attaining the goal of one hundred per
4 cent energy self-sufficiency by December 31, 2045.

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

10 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
11 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$450,000 or so much
12 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2020-2021 for the
13 development of the strategic plan required by this Act.

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

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.



Report Title:

Energy; Renewable Energy; DBEDT; Strategic Plan; Appropriation

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 2022. Appropriates funds. (SD1)

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