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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the state energy  
2 office, under the department of business, economic development,  
3 and tourism, has embarked on a strategic plan to position Hawaii  
4 as a proving ground for clean energy technologies and accelerate  
5 the State's agenda to achieve one hundred per cent clean energy  
6 by the year 2045. The State has embraced bold solutions that  
7 will help develop the competitive clean energy industry, making  
8 Hawaii one of the leaders in the clean energy race; however,  
9 wind turbines are not being placed in areas with the highest  
10 wind strength and wind source frequency. Additionally,  
11 placement of some wind turbines adversely impacts wildlife.  
12 Furthermore, communities that use the least amount of power are  
13 often the most burdened by the placement of wind turbines.  
14 Careful, rank-based placement and thoughtful public engagement  
15 with an emphasis on optimizing coexistence of communities,  
16 wildlife, and wind turbines will support responsible wind energy  
17 development.



1           The purpose of this Act is to require the department of  
2 business, economic development, and tourism, under the Hawaii  
3 clean energy initiative program, to select and prioritize wind  
4 energy project sites using specified criteria.

5           SECTION 2. Section 196-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

7           "(b) Prior to the initiation of any activities authorized  
8 under subsection (a), the department of business, economic  
9 development, and tourism shall develop a plan of action with the  
10 intent of promoting effective prioritization and focusing of  
11 efforts consistent with the State's energy programs and  
12 objectives. For any activities in the plan of action involving  
13 wind energy projects, the department shall give preference to  
14 wind energy project sites based on the following criteria:

- 15           (1) Wind source frequency;
- 16           (2) Wind strength;
- 17           (3) Locations greater than ten miles from existing  
18           generation systems producing more than ten megawatts  
19           of electricity; and
- 20           (4) Proximity of the community in demand of additional  
21           power."



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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Program; Wind Energy; Wind Sites

**Description:**

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