



GOV. MSG. NO. 1140

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

May 30, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 30, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2685 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO ENERGY.
ACT 040

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 2685
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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. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 **"PART . SOLAR HUI PROGRAM**

5 **§196-A Definitions.** As used in this part, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 "Authority" means the Hawaii green infrastructure authority
8 as established under section 196-63.

9 "Energy services agreement" means the Green Energy Money
10 Saver Energy Services Participant Agreement, which is similar to
11 a solar lease or solar power purchase agreement.

12 "Low- and moderate-income household" means a household with
13 income equal to or less than one hundred forty per cent of the
14 area median income as determined by the United States Department
15 of Housing and Urban Development.

16 "Solar energy system" or "energy project" means any
17 identifiable facility, equipment, apparatus, or the like, which



1 may include an energy storage system, that converts solar energy
2 to useful thermal or electrical energy for heating, cooling, or
3 reducing the use of other types of energy that are dependent on
4 fossil fuel for their generation.

5 **§196-B Solar hui program; fund manager.** (a) There is
6 established the solar hui program to be administered by the
7 authority. The solar hui program shall provide a multi-family
8 residential property owner the opportunity to invest in the
9 solar hui investment fund established pursuant to section 196-C.
10 Multi-family residential property owners who invest in the solar
11 hui investment fund under the solar hui program may be eligible
12 to receive:

13 (1) Any tax credit associated with the installation of a
14 solar energy system, subject to the requirements of
15 the tax credit; and

16 (2) Any income derived from:

17 (A) Repayment of an energy services agreement with
18 the low- and moderate-income household ratepayer
19 provided by the solar hui investment fund; or

20 (B) Generation of energy from an energy project
21 entered into by the fund manager.



1 (b) There is established within the authority the position
2 of the solar hui program fund manager, which shall be a full-
3 time equivalent position exempt from chapter 76. The solar hui
4 program fund manager shall:

- 5 (1) Manage the solar hui investment fund established
- 6 pursuant to section 196-C;
- 7 (2) Market the solar hui program to multi-family
- 8 residential property owners; and
- 9 (3) Select solar contractors for energy projects.

10 (c) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
11 to carry out the purposes of this part.

12 **§196-C Solar hui investment fund.** (a) There is
13 established the solar hui investment fund into which shall be
14 deposited the following:

- 15 (1) Appropriations by the legislature;
- 16 (2) Investments received from multi-family residential
- 17 property owners;
- 18 (3) All other money received for the fund from any other
- 19 source; and
- 20 (4) All income and interest earned or accrued on moneys
- 21 deposited into the fund.



- 1 (b) The solar hui investment fund may be used to:
- 2 (1) Enter into energy services agreements with low- and
- 3 moderate-income households to install a solar energy
- 4 system;
- 5 (2) Invest in energy projects;
- 6 (3) Pay administrative costs of the solar hui program; or
- 7 (4) Pay any other costs related to the solar hui program."

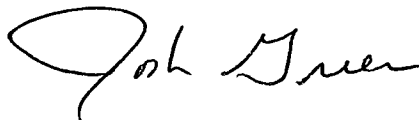
8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the Hawaii green
 9 infrastructure special fund the sum of \$203,750 or so much
 10 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the
 11 implementation of the solar hui program, including one full-time
 12 equivalent (1.0 FTE) solar hui program fund manager position.

13 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii green
 14 infrastructure authority for the purposes of this Act.

15 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section
 16 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
 17 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
 18 the new sections in this Act.

19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

APPROVED this 30th day of May , 2024



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 2685, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives




Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives


THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate