
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW
CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT OR DISPOSAL OF
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN THE STATE WITHOUT PRIOR LEGISLATIVE
APPROVAL.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State's power
2 grid would benefit from more diverse energy sources. Meeting
3 the State's need for reliable, affordable, and sustainable power
4 requires the State to have access to the full spectrum of
5 available energy sources, including nuclear energy.

6 The legislature recognizes that article XI, section 8 of
7 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii makes it difficult for
8 the legislature to approve the construction and use of nuclear
9 power plants.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to propose an
11 amendment to Hawaii's constitution to make nuclear energy more
12 accessible to the State.

13 SECTION 2. Article XI, section 8, of the Constitution of
14 the State of Hawaii is repealed.



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2 ~~SECTION 8. No nuclear fission power plant shall be~~
3 ~~constructed or radioactive material disposed of in the State~~
4 ~~without the prior approval by a two thirds vote in each house of~~
5 ~~the legislature."]~~

6 SECTION 3. The question to be printed on the ballot shall
7 be as follows:

8 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended
9 to allow the legislature to approve the construction of
10 nuclear fission power plants without requiring prior
11 approval by a two-thirds vote in each house of the
12 legislature?"

13 SECTION 4. Constitutional material to be repealed is
14 bracketed and stricken.

15 SECTION 5. This amendment shall take effect upon
16 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of
17 the State of Hawaii.

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Report Title:

Nuclear Energy; Constitutional Amendment

Description:

Repeals the provision of the state constitution that prohibits the construction of nuclear fission power plants unless approved by a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature.

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