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GOV. MSG. NO. 1292

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

June 6, 2025

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

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 6, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. NO. 1220, S.D. 2,  
H.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF.  
**ACT 192**

Mahalo,

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

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there must be  
2 enabling legislation establishing a renewable gas tariff with  
3 appropriate and reasonable rates to meet the demand of  
4 environmentally and socially conscious consumers.

5           The legislature further finds that existing law regulates  
6 the procurement of supply and production of renewable gas.  
7 Utilizing renewable energy resources that have the potential to  
8 contribute to renewable gas production will help the State  
9 achieve its environmental and climate resilience objectives.

10           The legislature also finds that it is imperative that a  
11 renewable gas tariff be established by a gas utility and a  
12 decision be rendered by the public utilities commission as  
13 expeditiously as possible, to reduce the State's dependence on  
14 imported petroleum and minimize disruptions caused by price  
15 fluctuations.

16           The legislature additionally finds that ratemaking  
17 procedures for a proposed tariff can be established as soon as



1 thirty days after notice is given to the public utilities  
2 commission pursuant to section 269-16(b), Hawaii Revised  
3 Statutes, and section 16-601-111, Hawaii Administrative Rules.  
4 However, these provisions do not require the public utilities  
5 commission to complete its review in a timely manner.  
6 Accordingly, it is imperative to minimize the length of the  
7 public utilities commission's review of a renewable gas tariff  
8 under existing ratemaking procedures to best achieve the State's  
9 decarbonization goals; provided that the renewable gas tariff  
10 does not increase rates for other customers.

11 The legislature further finds that gas utilities in the  
12 State must be required to promptly establish a renewable gas  
13 tariff to satisfy immediate demand from customers who choose to  
14 receive service under the tariff. Under section 269-16(a),  
15 Hawaii Revised Statutes, all rates, fares, charges,  
16 classifications, schedules, rules, and practices made, charged,  
17 or observed by any public utility shall be just and reasonable.

18 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require:

19 (1) Gas utility companies to file a proposed initial  
20 renewable gas tariff or tariffs with the public  
21 utilities commission by August 31, 2025; and



1           (2) The public utilities commission to establish an  
2           initial or revised renewable gas tariff or tariffs no  
3           later than nine months after the filing of a completed  
4           application for a proposed renewable gas tariff if the  
5           commission finds the tariff to be just, reasonable,  
6           and in the public interest and the tariff does not  
7           increase rates for other customers.

8           SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9           amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
10          and to read as follows:

11          "§269-     Renewable gas tariff. (a) Each gas utility in  
12          the State shall file a proposed initial renewable gas tariff or  
13          tariffs with the public utilities commission by August 31, 2025,  
14          to establish appropriate and reasonable rates for renewable gas  
15          for customers who choose to receive service under a renewable  
16          gas tariff. If the public utilities commission finds that the  
17          tariff or tariffs are just, reasonable, and in the public  
18          interest, the commission shall establish an initial or revised  
19          renewable gas tariff or tariffs no later than nine months after  
20          the filing of a completed application for a proposed renewable  
21          gas tariff; provided that the renewable gas tariff shall not



1 increase rates for other customers; provided further that all  
2 filings shall be in accordance with the Hawaii Administrative  
3 Rules. The nine-month period in this subsection shall begin  
4 only after a completed application has been filed with the  
5 commission and a paper or an electronic copy served on the  
6 consumer advocate. The consumer advocate may, within twenty-one  
7 days after receipt of the copy, object to the sufficiency of any  
8 application, and the commission shall hear and determine any  
9 objection within twenty-one days after it is filed. If the  
10 commission finds that the objections are without merit, the  
11 application shall be deemed to have been completed upon original  
12 filing. If the commission finds the application to be  
13 incomplete, it shall require the applicant to submit an amended  
14 application consistent with its findings, and the nine-month  
15 period shall not commence until the amended application is  
16 filed.

17 (b) The renewable gas tariff shall be based on eligible  
18 customers' net therm usage and as determined by the public  
19 utilities commission.

20 (c) For the purposes of this section:



1       "Net therm usage" means the amount of gas a customer uses  
2 during a monthly billing period, as measured in therm units.

3       "Renewable gas" means gas produced from non-petroleum  
4 feedstock, as defined in section 269-45(b), for use by a gas  
5 utility in the State, or as otherwise defined by the public  
6 utilities commission by rule or order.

7       "Renewable gas tariff" means a tariff approved by the  
8 public utilities commission that allows a gas utility customer  
9 to voluntarily purchase renewable gas from a gas utility  
10 company."

11       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



S.B. NO. 1220  
S.D. 2  
H.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 6th day of June, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.

  
President of the Senate

  
Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 1220, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

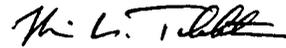
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives