

ACT 96

H.B. NO. 2631

A Bill for an Act Relating to Energy.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's energy resources and physical environment must be managed and protected in a manner that ensures the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State and preserves our limited natural resources for future generations. The 1993 energy and environmental summit was convened by the legislature on October 8, 1993, to identify issues and build broad-based support for initiatives that will move Hawaii forward in the areas of energy and the environment. This Act is the result of the collaborative efforts of participants of the summit.

SECTION 2. Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§226- Objectives and policies for facility systems—telecommunications.** (a) Planning for the State's telecommunications facility systems shall be directed towards the achievement of dependable, efficient, and economical statewide telecommunications systems capable of supporting the needs of the people.

(b) To achieve the telecommunications objective, it shall be the policy of this State to ensure the provision of adequate, reasonably priced, and dependable telecommunications services to accommodate demand.

(c) To further achieve the telecommunications objective, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Facilitate research and development of telecommunications systems and resources;
- (2) Encourage public and private sector efforts to develop means for adequate, ongoing telecommunications planning;

- (3) Promote efficient management and use of existing telecommunications systems and services; and
- (4) Facilitate the development of education and training of telecommunications personnel."

SECTION 3. Section 226-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) To achieve the transportation objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Design, program, and develop a multi-modal system in conformance with desired growth and physical development as stated in this chapter[.];
- (2) Coordinate state, county, federal, and private transportation activities and programs toward the achievement of statewide objectives[.];
- (3) Encourage a reasonable distribution of financial responsibilities for transportation among participating governmental and private parties[.];
- (4) Provide for improved accessibility to shipping, docking, and storage facilities[.];
- (5) Promote a reasonable level and variety of mass transportation services that adequately meet statewide and community needs[.];
- (6) Encourage transportation systems that serve to accommodate present and future development needs of communities[.];
- (7) Encourage a variety of carriers to offer increased opportunities and advantages to interisland movement of people and goods[.];
- (8) Increase the capacities of airport and harbor systems and support facilities to effectively accommodate transshipment and storage needs[.];
- (9) Encourage the development of transportation systems and programs which would assist statewide economic growth and diversification[.];
- (10) Encourage the design and development of transportation systems sensitive to the needs of affected communities and the quality of Hawaii's natural environment[.];
- (11) Encourage safe and convenient use of low-cost, energy-efficient, non-polluting means of transportation[.];
- (12) Coordinate intergovernmental land use and transportation planning activities to ensure the timely delivery of supporting transportation infrastructure in order to accommodate planned growth objectives[.]; and
- (13) Encourage diversification of transportation modes and infrastructure to promote alternate fuels and energy efficiency."

SECTION 4. Section 226-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**"§226-18 Objectives and policies for facility systems—energy[/telecommunications].** (a) Planning for the State's facility systems with regard to energy[/telecommunication] shall be directed towards the achievement of the following objectives:

- (1) Dependable, efficient, and economical statewide energy [and telecommunication] systems capable of supporting the needs of the people[.];

- (2) Increased energy self-sufficiency[.] where the ratio of indigenous to imported energy use is increased; and
- (3) Greater energy security in the face of threats to Hawaii's energy supplies and systems.

(b) To achieve the energy[telecommunication] objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to ensure the provision of adequate, reasonably priced, and dependable [power and telecommunication] energy services to accommodate demand.

(c) To further achieve the energy objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Support research and development as well as promote the use of renewable energy sources;
- (2) Ensure [a sufficient supply of energy to enable power systems] that the combination of energy supplies and energy-saving systems are sufficient to support the demands of growth;
- (3) Base decisions of least-cost supply-side and demand-side energy resource options on a comparison of their total costs and benefits when a least-cost is determined by a reasonably comprehensive, quantitative, and qualitative accounting of their long-term, direct and indirect economic, environmental, social, cultural, and public health costs and benefits;
- [(3)] (4) Promote [prudent use] all cost-effective conservation of power and fuel supplies through [conservation] measures including:
  - (A) Development of cost-effective demand-side management programs;
  - (B) Education; and
  - (C) Adoption of energy-efficient practices and technologies;
 [and]
- [(4)] (5) Ensure [that] to the extent that new supply-side resources are needed, the development or expansion of [power] energy systems [and sources adequately consider environmental, public health, and safety concerns, and resource limitations.] utilizes the least-cost energy supply option and maximizes efficient technologies;
- (6) Support research, development, and demonstration of energy efficiency, load management, and other demand-side management programs, practices, and technologies; and
- (7) Promote alternate fuels and energy efficiency by encouraging diversification of transportation modes and infrastructure.

[(d)] To further achieve the telecommunication objective, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Facilitate research and development of telecommunication systems and resources.
- (2) Encourage public and private sector efforts to develop means for adequate, ongoing telecommunication planning.
- (3) Promote efficient management and use of existing telecommunication systems and services.
- (4) Facilitate the development of education and training of telecommunication personnel.]”

SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
(Approved June 8, 1994.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.