

ACT 176

H.B. NO. 1893

A Bill for an Act Relating to Energy.

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

SECTION 1. Section 226-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) Planning for the State’s facility systems with regard to energy shall be directed [towards] toward the achievement of the following objectives[:], giving due consideration to all:

- (1) Dependable, efficient, and economical statewide energy 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[.]; and
- (4) Reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions from energy supply and use.’”

2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

- State to:
- “(c) To further achieve the energy objectives, it shall be the policy of this
- (1) Support research and development as well as promote the use of renewable energy sources;
  - (2) Ensure that the combination of energy supplies and energy-saving systems [are] is 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;
  - (4) Promote all cost-effective conservation of power and fuel supplies through measures including:
    - (A) Development of cost-effective demand-side management programs;
    - (B) Education; and
    - (C) Adoption of energy-efficient practices and technologies;
  - (5) Ensure to the extent that new supply-side resources are needed, the development or expansion of energy systems 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[.];
  - (8) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester greenhouse gases in utility, transportation, and industrial sector applications; and
  - (9) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester Hawaii’s greenhouse gas emissions through agriculture and forestry initiatives.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 7, 2000.)