
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that transparency in the
2 process of purchasing renewable electricity generated from
3 nonfossil fuel sources serves the interests of independent power
4 producers who compete to sell energy to the energy utilities and
5 of the rate-paying public by creating an opportunity for review
6 and oversight of the public utilities commission's decision-
7 making process.

8 The purpose of this Act is to increase transparency in
9 power purchase contracts for renewable energy by requiring the
10 public utilities commission to include a summary of power
11 purchase agreements in effect during the applicable fiscal year
12 in its annual report to the governor.

13 SECTION 2. Section 269-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "**§269-5 Annual report and register of orders.** The public
16 utilities commission shall prepare and present to the governor,
17 through the director of finance, in the month of January in each
18 year a report respecting its actions during the preceding fiscal



1 year. This report shall include summary information and
2 analytical, comparative, and trend data concerning major
3 regulatory issues acted upon and pending before the commission;
4 cases processed by the commission, including their dispositions;
5 utility company operations, capital improvements, and rates;
6 utility company performance in terms of efficiency and quality
7 of services rendered; a summary of power purchase agreements in
8 effect during the fiscal year; environmental matters having a
9 significant impact upon public utilities; actions of the federal
10 government affecting the regulation of public utilities in
11 Hawaii; long and short-range plans and objectives of the
12 commission; together with the commission's recommendations
13 respecting legislation and other matters requiring executive and
14 legislative consideration. Copies of the annual reports shall
15 be furnished by the governor to the legislature. In addition,
16 the commission shall establish and maintain a register of all
17 its orders and decisions, which shall be open and readily
18 available for public inspection, and no order or decision of the
19 commission shall take effect until it is filed and recorded in
20 this register."

21 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.



Report Title:

Renewable Energy; Public Utilities Commission

Description:

Requires the public utilities commission to include a summary of the power purchase agreements in effect during the fiscal year in its annual report to the Governor. Effective July 1, 2013.
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