
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 201, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§201- Hydrogen implementation authority. (a) There is
5 established the hydrogen implementation authority within the
6 state energy office of the department of business, economic
7 development, and tourism.

8 (b) The authority shall be headed by the state hydrogen
9 economy implementation coordinator, who shall be exempt from
10 chapter 76.

11 (c) The coordinator shall hire, without regard to chapter
12 76, staff necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

13 (d) The coordinator and other staff of the authority shall
14 be included in any benefit program generally applicable to the
15 officers and employees of the State.

16 (e) There is established a senior review committee, whose
17 members shall:



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1 (1) Consist of representatives of state agencies involved
2 in the implementation process for a hydrogen economy;
3 and

4 (2) Be selected by the energy administrator of the office,
5 to support the work of the authority.

6 (f) There is established the implementation advisory
7 panel, which shall:

8 (1) Report to the senior review committee; and

9 (2) Consist of representatives of industry, state
10 agencies, federal agencies, county agencies, academia,
11 and public-advocacy groups, who shall be selected by
12 the energy administrator of the office.

13 Based on the research and reports in subsection (g), the
14 advisory panel shall formulate conclusions and propose fact-
15 based policies and action plans to the senior review committee.

16 (g) There are established topic teams within the
17 implementation advisory panel to conduct research and prepare
18 reports for the advisory panel to carry out its duties. The
19 topics to be researched and reported on by the topic teams shall
20 include but not be limited to:

21 (1) Strategies to implement a hydrogen economy;



- 1 (2) The economy of the State;
- 2 (3) Teams to implement a hydrogen economy;
- 3 (4) Public education in the State;
- 4 (5) Social benefits in the State; and
- 5 (6) Budgets.
- 6 (h) The office shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to
- 7 implement this section.

- 8 (i) As used in this section:
- 9 "Advisory panel" means the implementation advisory panel.
- 10 "Authority" means the hydrogen implementation authority.
- 11 "Coordinator" means the state hydrogen economy
- 12 implementation coordinator.
- 13 "Office" means the state energy office."

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
18 2016-2017 for the hydrogen implementation authority.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
21 of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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Report Title:

Hydrogen Implementation Authority

Description:

Establishes the Hydrogen Implementation Authority within the State Energy Office to implement a hydrogen economy in Hawaii.

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