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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007 (Act 234)  
2 established state policy to reduce, by January 1, 2020,  
3 greenhouse gas emissions to levels at or below the estimates of  
4 greenhouse gas emissions for 1990.

5           To achieve this goal, Act 234 established the greenhouse  
6 gas emissions reduction task force (task force), to be  
7 administratively attached to the department of business,  
8 economic development, and tourism. The task force is required  
9 to prepare a comprehensive work plan and regulatory scheme for  
10 implementing feasible, cost-effective reductions in greenhouse  
11 gas emissions to achieve the reductions required by Act 234.  
12 The task force is required to meet no less than thirteen  
13 objectives in preparing the plan, including consultations with  
14 various other public and private agencies, investigation and  
15 development of analytical tools and economic models,  
16 consideration of various technical items related to greenhouse  
17 gases, examination and use of market-based compliance mechanisms



1 to achieve reductions, and development of rules and regulations  
2 relating to greenhouse gas emissions.

3 The demanding work required of the task force has created a  
4 need for two additional specialized personnel within the  
5 department of business, economic development, and tourism to  
6 provide professional and technical support for the task force,  
7 as well as to assist in the implementation of other provisions  
8 of Act 234. The additional personnel, a task force program  
9 manager and a project assistant/researcher, are essential in  
10 ensuring that the task force fulfills its responsibilities in a  
11 timely, effective manner.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for two  
13 additional personnel to assist the task force in implementing  
14 Act 234.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$135,000 or so much  
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for two  
18 (2) temporary full-time positions within the department of  
19 business, economic development, and tourism as follows:

20 (1) One greenhouse gas emissions reduction task force  
21 program manager; and



1 (2) One greenhouse gas emissions reduction task force  
 2 project assistant/researcher;  
 3 to assist the greenhouse gas emissions reduction task force as  
 4 well as in the implementation of other provisions of Act 234,  
 5 Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 7 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of  
 8 this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Greenhouse Gas Task Force; Positions

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to establish two positions to support the implementation of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.

