June 14, 2011

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Calvin Say, Speaker and Members of the House
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Tsutsui, Speaker Say and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 14, 2011, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1482 SD1 HD1 CD1 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Act 109 (11)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 269-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The public utilities commission [may] shall consider the need [shall] to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels through energy efficiency and increased renewable energy [use] generation in exercising its authority and duties under this chapter: In making determinations of the reasonableness of the costs of utility system capital improvements and operations, the commission shall explicitly consider, quantitatively or qualitatively, the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on price volatility, export of funds for fuel imports, fuel supply reliability risk, and greenhouse gas emissions. The commission may determine that short-term costs or direct costs that are higher than alternatives relying more heavily on fossil fuels are reasonable, considering the impacts resulting from the use of fossil fuels."

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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

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

APPROVED this 14 day of JUN, 2011

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII