



GOV. MSG. NO. 1199

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 8, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 8, 2015, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1509 HD3 SD2 CD1

RELATING TO ENERGY
ACT 099 (15)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii leads the
 2 nation in the creation of pioneering models of energy and
 3 infrastructure financing to save taxpayers' money. In 2013, the
 4 legislature established the green infrastructure loan program,
 5 which uses private investment dollars to pay for the upfront
 6 costs of energy infrastructure retrofits for both public and
 7 private purposes, which is paid back using the savings realized
 8 from the reduction in energy costs generated by the new energy-
 9 efficient infrastructure while also producing an additional net
 10 savings to the end user.

11 By using energy-savings financing mechanisms such as the
 12 green infrastructure loan program to pay for a large portion of
 13 any renewable energy project, the University of Hawaii can
 14 reduce its electrical consumption at a fraction of the cost to
 15 taxpayers. Furthermore, the use of energy-savings financing
 16 mechanisms such as the green infrastructure loan program to pay
 17 for the renewable energy portion of any deferred maintenance
 18 project can help the university reduce its deferred maintenance



1 backlog and lower its electrical consumption at a fraction of
2 the cost to taxpayers. The legislature declares that this Act
3 is a matter of statewide concern.

4 The purpose of this Act is to maximize student tuition
5 savings by establishing long-term commitments to reduce energy
6 use at the University of Hawaii and by encouraging the use of
7 innovative means of energy-savings financing to reduce taxpayer
8 costs for capital improvement and energy efficiency projects.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§304A- University of Hawaii; net-zero energy goal.

13 (a) The University of Hawaii shall establish a collective goal
14 of becoming net-zero with respect to energy use, producing as
15 much energy as the system consumes across all campuses, by
16 January 1, 2035.

17 (b) The University of Hawaii shall establish a benchmark
18 for the amount and value of energy consumed during the 2014-2015
19 fiscal year, against which it shall measure its progress toward
20 the net-zero energy goal set forth in subsection (a).



1 (c) The University of Hawaii shall make improvements that
2 advance the net-zero energy goal set forth in subsection (a) a
3 priority.

4 (d) The University of Hawaii shall submit an annual report
5 to the legislature no later than twenty days before the
6 convening of each regular session. The annual report shall
7 include the following information:

8 (1) Overall progress toward the net-zero energy goal set
9 forth in subsection (a);

10 (2) Plans and recommendations to advance the net-zero
11 energy goal set forth in subsection (a)."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 8 day of JUN , 2015



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

