
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 226-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended as follows:

3 1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

4 "(a) Planning for the State's facility systems with regard
5 to energy shall be directed toward the achievement of the
6 following objectives, giving due consideration to all:

7 (1) Dependable, efficient, and economical statewide energy
8 systems capable of supporting the needs of the people;

9 (2) Increased energy security and self-sufficiency [~~where~~
10 ~~the ratio of indigenous to imported energy use is~~
11 ~~increased,~~] through the elimination of Hawaii's
12 dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation
13 and ground transportation;

14 (3) Greater [~~energy security and~~] diversification of
15 energy generation in the face of threats to Hawaii's
16 energy supplies and systems; [~~and~~]



- 1 (4) Reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse
2 gas emissions from energy supply and use [-]; and
3 (5) Utility models that place the social and financial
4 interests of Hawaii's ratepayers first."

5 2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

6 "(c) To further achieve the energy objectives, it shall be
7 the policy of this State to:

- 8 (1) Support research and development as well as promote
9 the use of renewable energy sources;
- 10 (2) Ensure that the combination of energy supplies and
11 energy-saving systems is sufficient to support the
12 demands of growth;
- 13 (3) Base decisions of least-cost supply-side and demand-
14 side energy resource options on a comparison of their
15 total costs and benefits when a least-cost is
16 determined by a reasonably comprehensive,
17 quantitative, and qualitative accounting of their
18 long-term, direct and indirect economic,
19 environmental, social, cultural, and public health
20 costs and benefits;



- 1 (4) Promote all cost-effective conservation of power and
2 fuel supplies through measures, including:
- 3 (A) Development of cost-effective demand-side
4 management programs;
- 5 (B) Education; [~~and~~]
- 6 (C) Adoption of energy-efficient practices and
7 technologies; and
- 8 (D) Increasing energy efficiency and decreasing
9 energy use in public infrastructure;
- 10 (5) Ensure, to the extent that new supply-side resources
11 are needed, that the development or expansion of
12 energy systems uses the least-cost energy supply
13 option and maximizes efficient technologies;
- 14 (6) Support research, development, demonstration, and use
15 of energy efficiency, load management, and other
16 demand-side management programs, practices, and
17 technologies;
- 18 (7) Promote alternate fuels and transportation energy
19 efficiency;



- 1 (8) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester
2 greenhouse gases in utility, transportation, and
3 industrial sector applications;
- 4 (9) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester
5 Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions through agriculture
6 and forestry initiatives;
- 7 (10) Provide priority handling and processing for all state
8 and county permits required for renewable energy
9 projects; [and]
- 10 (11) Ensure that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas
11 be used only as a transitional, limited-term, and
12 cleaner replacement of petroleum for electricity
13 generation and do not impede the development and use
14 of renewable energy sources; and
- 15 ~~(11)~~ (12) Promote the development of indigenous geothermal
16 energy resources that are located on public trust land
17 as an affordable and reliable source of firm power for
18 Hawaii."

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



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

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Description:

Provides that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas be used only as a transitional, limited-term, and cleaner replacement of petroleum for electricity generation and not impede the development and use of renewable energy sources.

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