
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
- 12 replacement of petroleum for electricity generation
- 13 and do not impede the development and use of renewable
- 14 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.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Planning Act; Energy

Description:

Amends the State's objectives and policies relating to energy facility systems, including a policy of ensuring that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas be used only as a transitional, limited-term replacement of petroleum for electricity generation and not impede the development and use of renewable energy sources. (HD1)

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