

S.B. NO. 907

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is
2 amended by amending section 7, to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 7. Not less than twenty days prior to the
4 convening of the regular session of 2010 [~~and every fifth~~
5 ~~regular session following the regular session of 2010,~~] the
6 greenhouse gas emission reduction task force shall submit to the
7 legislature a copy of its work plan and proposed regulatory
8 scheme, along with any proposed legislation, [~~and any five year~~
9 ~~update to the work plan and proposed regulatory scheme,~~] for
10 achieving the maximum practically and technically feasible and
11 cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from
12 sources or categories of sources of greenhouse gases."

13 SECTION 2. Section 304A-1893.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
14 is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

15 "(b) The initial evaluation shall be conducted beginning
16 July 1, 2017, and every three years thereafter by a two-person
17 panel of independent energy and environmental technical experts

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Report Title:

Hawaii Natural Energy Institute

Description:

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM.

PURPOSE: To delete "every fifth year reporting" requirement by the greenhouse gas emissions reduction task force to the Legislature and to change who is authorized to appoint the panel to conduct the evaluation of the energy systems development special fund projects.

MEANS: Amend Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, and section 304A-1893.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: The greenhouse gas emissions reduction task force was dissolved in 2010; therefore, reporting every five years is no longer feasible. The Department of Health now serves as the primary agency with regulatory oversight of Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions and monitors greenhouse gas levels.

This bill also re-directs appointment of the panel of experts evaluating the projects and activities funded by the energy systems development special fund to the University of Hawaii (UH) Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation.

Impact on the public: None.

Impact on the department and other agencies:
Reporting re-directed from DBEDT to UH.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM

DESIGNATION: BED 120.

OTHER AFFECTED

AGENCIES: University of Hawaii - Office of the Vice
President for Research and Innovation,
Department of Health - Clean Air Branch.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.