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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Act 32, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, is amended  
2 by amending section 2 to read as follows:

3           "SECTION 2. (a) The State shall expand strategies and  
4 mechanisms to reduce [the] greenhouse gas emissions [statewide]  
5 through the reduction of energy use, adoption of renewable  
6 energy, and control of air pollution among all agencies,  
7 departments, industries, and sectors, including transportation.  
8 Such strategies and mechanisms shall utilize the best available  
9 science, technologies, and policies to reduce greenhouse gas  
10 emissions and shall be closely aligned with the climate change  
11 principles and goals adopted in the Paris Agreement and Hawaii's  
12 share of obligations within the expectations apportioned to the  
13 United States in the Paris Agreement, regardless of federal  
14 action.

15           (b) The State shall strive to formulate and communicate  
16 long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and  
17 shall take actions to conserve and enhance long-term sinks and



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1 reservoirs of greenhouse gases, by prioritizing the development  
 2 of parks, greenways, and restoration of native upland and  
 3 coastal forests and wetlands."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 5 and stricken.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Climate Change; Paris Agreement

**Description:**

Amends Act 32, SLH 2017, by changing the phrase "the greenhouse gas emissions statewide" to "greenhouse gas emissions."

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