
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State cannot
2 truly become sustainable without first achieving a sustainable
3 economy.

4 To begin working toward a sustainable economy, the
5 legislature enacted Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2005,
6 which created the Hawaii 2050 sustainability task force and the
7 Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan. Among its other duties, the
8 legislature required the Hawaii 2050 sustainability task force
9 to submit recommendations on "how best to engage the community
10 in a public discussion to achieve a consensus on the State's
11 preferred future, and coordinate the actions needed to sustain a
12 growing and vibrant economy, while maintaining a high quality of
13 life for all residents and visitors." The legislature
14 recognizes that there are uncertainties about the long-term
15 limits of growth in the State, which highlight the need to
16 continue to plan and take action to ensure a sustainable future
17 for the State.



1 The legislature further finds that measuring Hawaii's
2 economic progress through a genuine progress indicator model,
3 rather than measuring gross domestic product, offers a more
4 holistic view of this progress by including social,
5 environmental, and economic factors. Observing genuine progress
6 indicator trends over time can provide insight into the State's
7 future sustainability.

8 The purpose of this Act is to develop a sustainable
9 economic development strategy that uses genuine progress
10 indicators based on the benchmarks and indicators of:

- 11 (1) The Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, prepared by the
12 auditor pursuant to Act 8, Special Session Laws of
13 Hawaii 2005;
- 14 (2) The Aloha+ challenge resolution, developed by Hawaii
15 Green Growth and endorsed by the legislature pursuant
16 to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69, S.D. 1, 2014;
- 17 (3) The Hawaii comprehensive economic development
18 strategy, published by the office of planning; and
- 19 (4) Other potential and recommended genuine progress
20 indicators,



1 to provide recommendations to strengthen Hawaii's indigenous-
2 based economies and create a more diverse and sustainable
3 economy for the State.

4 SECTION 2. (a) The state sustainability coordinator, with
5 administrative assistance from the department of business,
6 economic development, and tourism, shall develop a sustainable
7 economic development strategy. The strategy shall use the
8 benchmarks and indicators of:

- 9 (1) The Hawaii 2050 sustainability plan, prepared by the
10 auditor pursuant to Act 8, Special Session Laws of
11 Hawaii 2005;
- 12 (2) The Aloha+ challenge resolution, developed by Hawaii
13 Green Growth;
- 14 (3) The Hawaii comprehensive economic development
15 strategy, published by the office of planning; and
- 16 (4) Other potential and recommended indicators,
17 as genuine progress indicators for the State. The strategy
18 shall use data analysis and data mining of these genuine
19 progress indicators to produce recommendations that strengthen
20 Hawaii's indigenous-based economies and create a more diverse
21 and sustainable economy for the State overall.



1 (b) In developing the strategy, the University of Hawaii
2 shall provide data mining services for the state sustainability
3 coordinator for the purposes of subsection (a).

4 (c) For purposes of this Act:

5 "Genuine progress indicator" means a metric designed to
6 measure the well-being of an entity that takes into account
7 economic, environmental, and social indicators.

8 "Indigenous-based economy" means economic activity derived
9 from the native Hawaiian host culture.

10 (d) The state sustainability coordinator shall submit a
11 report of the coordinator's findings and recommendations,
12 including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later
13 than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session
14 of 2019.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2018-2019 for the
18 development of a sustainable economic development strategy
19 pursuant to section 2 of this Act.



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1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
3 this Act.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Requires the state sustainability coordinator to develop a sustainable economic development strategy. Directs the state sustainability coordinator to use genuine progress indicators to generate recommendations that promote indigenous-based economies, economic diversity, and sustainability. Requires the University of Hawaii to provide data mining services. Requires a report to legislature. Makes an appropriation.

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