A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY ASSURANCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. Chapter 125C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding to part I four new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§125C-A Information and analysis required for state energy planning, energy assurance planning, and energy supply risk assessment and resilience planning. (a) The department, with its own staff and agents whom the director designates as authorized representatives, shall use the information, including confidential information, received from all sources solely to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, chapter 127A, and chapter 196.

(b) The director shall conduct systematic quantitative and qualitative analyses of the State's energy resources that the director determines are necessary to:

(1) Assess and report on any actual or potential energy supply disruption or shortage that threatens to impair
the public health, safety, and welfare and to preserve
the lives and property of the people of the State;

(2) Produce energy ecosystem assessments to determine
risks, vulnerabilities, criticalities,
interdependencies, impacts, consequences, and
mitigation strategies related to any actual or
potential emergency or disaster impacting the State;

(3) Develop an understanding of causes and effects of
transitional issues and trends related to changes in
the State's energy resources, systems, and markets;

(4) Establish and maintain baseline data and information
on Hawaii's statewide energy resources, systems, and
markets, and their relationships to energy investment
decisions and the economy in support of measures to
increase energy resiliency, reduce vulnerabilities,
and preserve Hawaii's energy security;

(5) Develop energy assurance and emergency response plans
and measures, which in the event of an actual energy
shortage or supply disruption, are used to determine
and recommend if emergency government intervention may
be necessary and appropriate, and to implement and
evaluate the effectiveness of such emergency
intervention while promoting informed, transparent, and defensible decision making; and

(6) Produce other relevant energy analyses that the director deems necessary to administer the energy planning, energy emergency planning, energy assurance planning, and energy security policies pursuant to this chapter, and other activities in support of the director's role and responsibilities pursuant to chapters 127A and 196 and other relevant laws.

§125C-B Confidential information. (a) Statements provided to the department pursuant to section 125C-A and the data contained therein shall be deemed confidential and exempt from public disclosure under chapter 92F.

(b) No data or information submitted to the department shall be deemed confidential if it is shown that the person submitting the information or data has made it public.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by law, with respect to data that the public utilities commission or department obtained or was provided pursuant to this chapter, neither the public utilities commission or department nor any employee of the commission or department may do any of the following:
(1) Use the information furnished or obtained for any purpose other than the purposes for which it is supplied;

(2) Make any publication whereby the data furnished by any person can be identified; or

(3) Permit any person other than the public utilities commission, the department of taxation, the attorney general, the consumer advocate, the department of business, economic development, and tourism, and the authorized representatives and employees of each to examine the individual reports or statements provided.

§125C-C Confidential information obtained by another state agency. Any confidential information pertinent to the responsibilities of the department specified in this chapter that is obtained by another state agency, including the department of taxation, the attorney general, and the consumer advocate, shall be available only to the attorney general, the attorney general's authorized representatives, the department of business, economic development, and tourism, and the public utilities commission and shall be treated in a confidential manner.
§125C-D Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agent" means a person who is designated by the director as an authorized representative.

"Dealer" means any person engaged in the retail sale of fuel in Hawaii.

"Department" means the department of business, economic development, and tourism.

"Director" means the director of business, economic development, and tourism, who is the state energy resources coordinator pursuant to section 196-3, and the governor's authorized representative for energy.

"Distributor" means:

(1) Every person who refines, manufactures, produces, or compounds fuel in the State and sells it at wholesale or at retail;

(2) Every person who imports or causes to be imported into the State, or exports or causes to be exported from the State, any fuel;

(3) Every person who acquires fuel through exchanges with another distributor; or
(4) Every person who purchases fuel for resale at
wholesale or retail from any person described in
paragraph (1), (2), or (3);
provided that "distributor" shall not include a marina, lessee
dealer-operated station, owner-operated station, or other
retailer that retails fuel only to end users or the public.
"Electricity" means all electrical energy produced by
combustion of any fuel, or generated or produced using wind, the
sun, geothermal heat, ocean water, falling water, currents, and
waves, or any other source.
"Energy" means work or heat that is, or may be, produced
from any fuel or source whatsoever.
"Energy resources" means fuel, and also includes all
electrical or thermal energy produced by combustion of any fuel,
or generated or produced using wind, the sun, geothermal heat,
ocean water, falling water, currents, and waves, or any other
source.
"Fuel" means fuels, whether liquid, solid, or gaseous,
commercially usable for energy needs, power generation, and
fuels manufacture, that may be manufactured, grown, produced, or
imported into the State or that may be exported therefrom.
including petroleum, petroleum products and gases to include all
fossil fuel-based gases, coal tar, vegetable ferments, biomass,
municipal solid waste, biofuels, hydrogen, agricultural products
used as fuels and as feedstock to produce fuels, and all fuel
alcohols.

"Major energy marketer" means any person who sells energy
resources in amounts determined by the director as having a
major effect on the supplies of, or demand for, energy
resources.

"Major energy producer" means any person who produces
energy resources in amounts determined by the director as having
a major effect on the supplies of, or demand for, energy
resources.

"Major energy transporter" means any person who transports
energy resources in amounts determined by the director as having
a major effect on the supplies of, or demand for, energy
resources.

"Major energy user" means any person who uses energy
resources in the manufacture of products or for the generation
of electricity in amounts determined by the director as having a
major effect on the supplies of, or demand for, energy
resources.
"Major fuel storer" means any person who stores fuels in amounts determined by the director as having a major effect on the supplies of, or demand for, energy resources."

SECTION 2. Chapter 125C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending its title to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 125C

[PROCUREMENT, CONTROL, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS] ENERGY ASSURANCE AND FUEL SECURITY"

SECTION 3. Section 125C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"$125C-1 Findings and purpose. The legislature finds that adequate supplies of [petroleum products] energy resources are essential to the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Hawaii, and that any [severe disruption in petroleum product supplies for use] actual or potential disruption or shortage of energy resources within the State [would] could cause grave hardship, pose a threat to the economic well-being of the people of the State, and have significant adverse effects upon public confidence and order and effective conservation of [petroleum products] energy resources. The purpose of this chapter is to grant to the governor or the [governor's authorized representative] director the clear authority, when the governor
by proclamation declares the existence of a state of emergency in the State or when shortages of [petroleum] fuel products occur or are anticipated, to acquire and analyze information, including confidential information, to conduct systematic quantitative and qualitative analyses required for state energy planning, energy assurance planning, energy emergency planning, and energy supply risk assessment and resilience. This authority allows the governor or director to adequately plan and prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any actual or potential energy supply disruption or shortage, and to preserve the State's energy security. Another purpose of this chapter is to control the distribution and sale of [petroleum] fuel products in this State, to procure such products, and to impose rules that will provide extraordinary measures for the conservation of [petroleum] energy resources and the allocation of fuel products and for [their] the distribution and sale of fuel in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner."

SECTION 4. Section 125C-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-2 "Shortage" and "state of emergency" defined. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise indicated by the context, a "shortage" exists whenever the governor determines that there
is an increase in the demand for any [petroleum] fuel product or there is a decrease in the available supply for the [petroleum] fuel product in question, or both; and [such] the decrease in the available supply of or increase in the demand for the [petroleum] fuel product in question, or both, may cause a major adverse impact on the economy, public order, or the health, welfare, or safety of the people of Hawaii and may not be responsibly managed within the [free] prevailing market distribution system. As used in this chapter, unless otherwise indicated by the context, a "state of emergency" means an occurrence in any part of the State that requires efforts by state government to protect property, public health, welfare, or safety in the event of an emergency or disaster, or to reduce the threat of an emergency or disaster, or to supplement the local efforts of the county. Further, the governor may, by proclamation of a state of emergency in the State under section 127A-14, require [importers] major energy producers, distributors, major energy marketers, major fuel storers, major energy transporters, and major energy users of any [petroleum] fuel or fuel product [or other fuel] to monitor and report to the department [of business, economic development, and tourism] relevant supply and demand data[—] and information, including
confidential information, on aspects of the State's energy resources, systems, and markets. The governor shall review the status of a shortage within one hundred twenty days after the governor's initial determination of a shortage as defined under this chapter; thenceforth, the governor shall conduct a review of the shortage to make a new determination every thirty days until a shortage no longer exists. Further, the monitoring and reporting authorities pursuant to a declared state of emergency in the State shall terminate under the provisions contained in section 127A-14(d)."

SECTION 5. Section 125C-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-3 Powers in a shortage or state of emergency. When a shortage or a state of emergency in the State as defined in section 125C-2 has been declared by the governor, the governor or the director, to plan and prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any actual or potential energy supply disruption or shortage, to preserve the State's energy security, and to ensure that fuel products and energy resources are made available to the public in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner, may:
(1) Control the retail distribution and sale of petroleum fuel products by adopting rules that may include, but are not limited to, the following measures:

(A) Restricting the sale of petroleum fuel products to specific days of the week, hours of the day or night, odd- and even-numbered calendar days, and vehicles having less than a specified amount of gasoline in their tanks, with exceptions for certain designated geographical areas;

(B) Restricting sales of petroleum fuel products by dealers to daily allocations, which shall be determined by dividing the monthly allocation by the number of selling days per month;

(C) Requiring dealers to post signs designating their hours of operation and the sell-out of daily allocation;

(D) Instituting a statewide rationing shortage management plan; and

(E) Allowing for special handling for essential commercial and emergency-user vehicles;
(2) Require that a percentage of [petroleum] fuel products, not to exceed five per cent, be set aside to alleviate hardship; provided that aviation gasoline set aside shall not exceed ten per cent;

(3) Purchase and resell or otherwise distribute [petroleum] fuel products[, and purchase and resell or otherwise distribute ethanol that is produced within the State and can be used as a substitute for petroleum products];

(4) Temporarily suspend for the duration of a shortage or a state of emergency, standards that may affect or restrict the use of a substitute fuel to meet energy demand;

(5) Implement fuel shortage emergency response measures, including state government supply enhancement, supply management, regulatory waivers, and demand restraint measures, to assure fuel supplies for essential public service during a shortage or state of emergency;

(6) Acquire and analyze information, including confidential information, to conduct systematic quantitative and qualitative analyses required for state energy planning, energy assurance planning,
energy emergency planning, and energy supply risk assessment and resilience;

[4] (7) Receive, expend, or use contributions or grants in money or property, or special contributions thereof for special purposes not inconsistent with this chapter;

[5] (8) Borrow and expend moneys needed to exercise the powers granted under this section;

[6] (9) Contract in the name of the State for the purpose of implementing this chapter or any part thereof; and

[7] (10) Exercise the powers granted under this section to the degree and extent deemed by the governor to be necessary, including the temporary or indefinite suspension of all or part of the measures taken, as the governor deems appropriate."

SECTION 6. Section 125C-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-4 Adopting, filing, and taking effect of rules. The governor or the [governor's authorized representative] director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, to [insure] ensure that [petroleum] fuel products and energy resources are
made available to the public in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner, to become effective when a shortage, as defined in section 125C-2, exists. If additional and unforeseen measures are required to ensure that fuel products are distributed in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner, the governor or the director may proceed without prior notice or hearing or upon such abbreviated notice and hearing as the governor finds practicable to adopt additional rules authorized under this chapter with the additional rules to be effective for a period of not longer than one hundred twenty days without renewal. Any rule so adopted may be amended or repealed by the director without prior notice or hearing or upon abbreviated notice and hearing prior to the expiration of the one hundred twenty-day period; provided that no amendment shall extend the rule beyond the original period of one hundred twenty days. To be effective after the one hundred twenty-day period, the rules shall be adopted pursuant to chapter 91. Each rule adopted, amended, or repealed shall become effective as adopted, amended, or repealed upon approval by the governor and filing with the lieutenant governor. Each rule in effect shall have the force and effect of law, but the effect of each rule may be
temporarily or indefinitely suspended by the governor by written
declaration filed with the lieutenant governor. Each rule
temporarily suspended shall take effect again immediately upon
expiration of the suspension period. Each rule indefinitely
suspended shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the
lieutenant governor of the written declaration by the governor
terminating the suspension."

SECTION 7. Section 125C-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:

"[§] 125C-6[- ] Petition for adoption, amendment, repeal,
or suspension of rules. Any interested person may petition the
governor or the [governor's authorized representative] director
requesting the adoption, amendment, repeal, or suspension of any
rule and stating reasons therefor. The governor or the
[governor's authorized representative] director shall prescribe
the form for the petitions and the procedures for their
submission, consideration, and disposition[ ] and within thirty
days after submission of the petition[ ] shall either deny the
petition in writing, stating the governor's or the [governor's
authorized representative's] director's reasons for the denial,
or grant the petition and adopt, amend, repeal, or suspend the
rule accordingly."
SECTION 8. Section 125C-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-8 Personnel; delegation of powers. (a) The director shall fulfill and effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(b) The governor or director may appoint or employ temporary boards, agencies, officers, employees, and other persons, or any of them, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. All such temporarily appointed or employed officers and employees, whether or not employed by contract, shall be exempt from and not subject to nor entitled to the benefits of the provisions of chapters 76 and 88, or any other law, collective bargaining agreement, executive order, executive directive, or rule that is inapplicable to temporary employees of the State."

SECTION 9. Section 125C-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-9 Investigations, information collection, and surveys. The governor or the [governor's authorized representative] director may make investigations, collect information, including confidential information, and conduct surveys for the purpose of ascertaining facts to be used in
administering this chapter, and in making the investigations, collecting the information, and conducting the surveys, may require the making, filing, or keeping of applications, schedules, records, reports, or statements, under oath or otherwise, administer oaths, take evidence under oath, subpoena witnesses, and require the production of books, papers, and records. Witnesses shall be allowed their fees and mileage as in cases in the circuit courts. The circuit court of any circuit or judge thereof may enforce by proper proceedings the attendance and testimony of any witness subpoenaed to appear within the circuit, or the production of books, papers, and records."

SECTION 10. Section 125C-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[§125C-10] Fraud; [misdemeanor.] penalties. Any person required by the governor or the [governor's authorized representative.] director, pursuant to [section 125C-9.,] this chapter, to make, keep, or file any application, schedule, record, report, or statement, whether or not under oath, who intentionally makes, files, or keeps a false or fraudulent application, schedule, report, or statement or intentionally conceals therein any material fact, and any person who in any
other manner intentionally deceives or attempts to deceive the
governor or the [governor's authorized representative] director
with respect to any fact to be used in administering this
chapter, and any person who intentionally fails to observe and
comply with any rule [promulgated] adopted under this chapter,
shall be [guilty of a misdemeanor] assessed a civil penalty of
not more than $10,000 per violation."

SECTION 11. Chapter 125C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended by amending the title of part II to read as follows:
"PART II. HARDSHIP SET-ASIDE AND ALLOCATION OF [PETROLEUM] FUEL
PRODUCTS DURING A SHORTAGE"

SECTION 12. Section 125C-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:
"§125C-21 Definitions. ["Petroleum] As used in this
chapter and for the purposes of this part:
"Fuel product" means any fuel subject to the set-aside
system described in this chapter, including heating oils, [light
and heavy diesel oil] all classifications of diesel fuels,
motor gasoline] and all blends of motor gasoline with other
fuel products, propane, butane, residual fuel oils, kerosene,
naphtha, biodiesel, ethanol, suboctane motor fuel, and aviation
fuels used for emergency and essential intrastate air transport services, but excluding all other aviation fuels.

"Prime supplier" means any individual, trustee, agency, partnership, association, corporation, company, municipality, political subdivision, or other legal entity [which] that makes the first sale of any [liquid fossil] fuel product into the state distribution system for consumption within the State."

SECTION 13. Section 125C-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-22 When set-aside required. When a shortage or a state of emergency as defined in section 125C-2 exists, all prime suppliers shall set aside supplies of each [petroleum] fuel product for which there is a shortage. The amount set aside shall be in accordance with [the] any rules adopted by the [state energy resources coordinator.] director."

SECTION 14. Section 125C-23, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§125C-23 Set-aside system. The [state energy resources coordinator] director shall adopt rules establishing a [petroleum] fuel products set-aside system. The purpose of this system shall be:

(1) The protection of public health, safety, and welfare;
(2) The maintenance of public services, utilities, and transportation, including emergency and essential intrastate air and maritime transport services;

(3) The maintenance of critical agricultural and aquaculture operations[, including farming, horticulture, dairy, fishing,] and related services;

(4) The preservation of economically sound and competitive industry, through the equitable acquisition and distribution of [petroleum] fuel products; and

(5) The promotion of efficiency[,] and conservation, with minimum economic disruptions, during a shortage of [petroleum] fuel products.

The rules establishing the set-aside system shall be adopted in accordance with chapter 91."

SECTION 15. Section 125C-31, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"[4]§125C-31[Biennial state] State energy [emergency preparedness] assurance plan. (a) The department [of business, economic development, and tourism] shall prepare a comprehensive and integrated [biennial] state energy [emergency preparedness] assurance plan to be implemented in the event of[,] a state of emergency, or in anticipation of[,] a change in the State's
energy supply or demand situation that is judged by
the governor or director to be unmanageable by the [free
market.] prevailing markets. The department [of business,
economic development, and tourism] shall prepare a [biennial]
state energy [emergency-preparedness] assurance plan [in every
even-numbered year] in accordance with the following:

(1) The biennial state energy emergency-preparedness plan
shall replace the energy emergency plan developed by
the energy resources coordinator, who shall act as the
governor's authorized representative under this
chapter;

(2) In preparing the [biennial] state energy
[emergency-preparedness] assurance plan, the
department shall:

(A) Solicit input, comment, and review from [the
governor's energy emergency preparedness advisory
commitee composed of representatives of federal,
state, and county governments, private energy
suppliers, consumer and other public interest
groups, and the public at large] key
stakeholders, including public, private, and non-
(B) Establish [other] task forces and advisory groups, as may be deemed necessary, to assist in the preparation and review of the [biennial] state energy [emergency preparedness] assurance plan;

[4(3)] (2) The [biennial] state energy [emergency preparedness] assurance plan shall be comprehensive and encompassing, and shall integrate into its analytic and planning framework the plans of electric and gas utilities and other energy suppliers, relevant state agencies, [including the department of transportation,] counties, and such other entities as deemed appropriate; and

[4(4)] (3) The [biennial] state energy [emergency preparedness] assurance plan shall include a review and update of the previous [biennial] state energy [emergency preparedness] assurance plan and [a review of the energy emergency plans prepared by the counties.] shall be prepared or updated as determined by the director to be necessary to comport with
1 changes in federal or state overall emergency
2 management policies and plans that significantly
3 affect the State's energy assurance plan or as
4 warranted by changes in Hawaii's energy security.
5 (b) The department shall prepare an energy emergency
6 communication plan, which shall be [updated biennially] part of
7 the state energy assurance plan and shall be consistent with
8 [the energy emergency preparedness] any other energy emergency
9 management plans prepared by the counties[—] and the State. The
10 energy emergency communication plan shall be used by the [State
11 and—counties] department to communicate and otherwise coordinate
12 [state—county] actions taken in response to implementing the
13 [biennial] state energy [emergency—preparedness] assurance
14 plan."

SECTION 16. Section 125C-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
amended to read as follows:

"[§]§125C-32[—]Biennial county] County energy emergency
preparedness plans. The mayor of each county, or the mayor's
authorized representative, shall [prepare a comprehensive] be
responsible for preparing a county energy emergency preparedness
plan. The plan shall be prepared in coordination with and be
consistent with the [biennial] state energy [emergency

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preparedness] assurance plan[,] and shall be implemented in
coordination with the state energy [emergency-preparedness]
assurance plan upon declaration of [an energy emergency by the
governor. Not later than September 30 of every even-numbered
year, each county shall prepare and transmit to the director of
business, economic development, and tourism the county's
biennial county energy-emergency-preparedness plan.] a shortage
or a state of emergency."

SECTION 17. In codifying the new sections added by section
1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
and referring to the new sections in section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 18. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 19. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: __________________________

BY REQUEST
JAN 22 2019
Report Title:
Energy Assurance; Energy Resources; Energy Emergency Preparedness; Petroleum Shortage

Description:
Addresses deficiencies in Hawaii's fuel shortage response and energy emergency (energy assurance) statutes; provides policy guidance on preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against any actual or potential energy supply disruption or shortage to preserve the State's energy security and to ensure that fuel products and energy resources are made available to emergency services and the public in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner.

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DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development, and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY ASSURANCE.

PURPOSE: To address deficiencies in the State's petroleum shortage response statutes; provide up-to-date policy guidance on data and analysis required to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any actual or potential energy supply disruption or shortage in order to preserve the State's energy security and to better ensure that fuel products and energy resources are made available to emergency services and the public in an orderly, efficient, and safe manner; provide protections for confidential information collected to effectuate these purposes; clarify powers of Governor and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) director in an energy shortage or state of emergency.

MEANS: Add four new sections to part I of chapter 125C, amend the titles of chapter 125C and part II of chapter 125C, and amend sections 125C-1, 125C-2, 125C-3, 125C-4, 125C-6, 125C-8, 125C-9, 125C-10, 125C-21, 125C-22, 125C-23, 125C-31, and 125C-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: A comprehensive approach is needed to address major deficiencies in outdated state statutes related to procurement, control, distribution and sale of petroleum products in response to a governor determined shortage. In line with recommendations in the national Quadrennial Energy Review and many other recent federal and state strategic and operational guidance and initiatives, states need the capacity to better identify the potential for all types of energy disruptions (not just petroleum),
need the appropriate information to both quantify the impacts of potential and actual disruptions and to develop comprehensive mitigation and response plans, which ensure a more rapid return to normal conditions after an emergency or disaster. This approach and authorities will assist the Energy Resources Coordinator (DBEDT Director), as the Governor's authorized representative, to better understand energy system vulnerabilities and consequences in order to make more informed decisions which contribute directly to a more secure and resilient energy ecosystem (systems, resources, and markets).

Amendments are necessary to provide authoritative policy support and functional guidance to meet the following critical needs of the State: (1) regain and update the law's relevance, consistency, and adequacy as contingency policy and planning guidance to accommodate actual and expected changes in Hawaii's energy security and vulnerabilities stemming from significant changes in energy and fuel systems, resources, and markets; (2) update and align key provisions with relevant state overall emergency management laws, and energy assurance management policies and planning guidance, including requirements under Administrative Directive No. 15-01; (3) provide improvements and updates of the State's energy assurance policy guidance, an important authoritative basis for programmatic improvements, including departmental administrative rules; and (4) provide clarity on the need for, use of, and legal authority to collect and protect energy information.

The bill: (1) establishes chapter 125C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as the enabling statute for the State's DBEDT energy assurance program's coverage of all forms of energy shortage, disruption, or emergency (not just petroleum), in line with the
hazards, threats, and risks to the State's energy security and resilience of its energy ecosystem. These amendments are consistent with evolving federal, state, county, and private sector energy resources, emergency management, and energy assurance programs and plans; (2) specifies the more holistic and comprehensive information and analysis required for effective state energy planning, energy assurance planning, and energy supply risk assessment and resilience planning; (3) affords protections for any confidential information collected in effectuating the chapter; (4) provides consistent definitions of key terms; (5) clarifies powers of the Governor and director in a shortage or state of emergency; (6) makes other amendments for clarity and consistency and to reflect current best practices to advance state level energy emergency doctrine and resilience planning.

Impact on the public: This bill will enhance the Energy Resources Coordinator's ability to preserve and protect the State's energy security, minimizing adverse disruptions to the economy, public health, welfare, and safety of the public after an emergency. This bill lifts limits on the ERC's ability to develop and maintain a comprehensive and systematic quantitative and qualitative capacity to analyze the status of energy resources, systems, and markets in order to conduct energy emergency planning. Without this guidance and authority, the State's capabilities and capacity to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against any actual or potential energy emergency, supply disruption, or shortage could be hindered, thereby causing a major adverse impact on the economy, public health, welfare, and safety of the people of Hawaii.

Impact on the department and other agencies: DBEDT considers approval of these changes to
be essential to its overall mission, because
the energy information and data analytic and
energy assurance functions are critical
components of the State Energy Office's
mission in support of the Governor and the
State Energy Resources Coordinator, which
contribute significantly to other agencies'
missions. These statutory changes are
directly supportive of and relevant to both
the emergency powers necessary to prepare
for and respond to emergencies and disasters
conferred upon the Governor and the mayors
of the counties, and the emergency
management and homeland security functions
of the State under the Department of
Defense.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

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DESIGNATION: BED-120.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: Attorney General, Commerce and Consumer
Affairs, Public Utilities Commission, State
Department of Defense, State Department of
Taxation, and State Department of
Transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.