
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that energy composes
2 approximately one-eighth of Hawaii's overall economy. Electric
3 bills for public facilities and public transportation services
4 exceed \$400,000,000 annually. Management and direction of the
5 energy sector of the state economy are becoming an increasingly
6 complex and critically important job. According to Hawaii's
7 utilities, successfully achieving one hundred per cent renewable
8 electricity by 2045 is expected to save nearly \$6,000,000,000.
9 Additionally, electric vehicles are already cheaper to operate
10 than traditional gas-powered vehicles. Transitioning to clean
11 transportation will save residents billions of dollars. Climate
12 change is expected to cost the State at least \$19,000,000,000 in
13 losses from sea level rise alone, making the switch to renewable
14 energy and the ultimate reduction of atmospheric carbon a
15 priority. The State must also handle the need for island
16 resiliency; rapid increase and economic viability of renewable
17 and distributed energy resources; the digitization,



1 democratization, and inter-connectivity of infrastructure; and
2 the transition to clean transportation systems. These complex
3 realities reveal the need for a state agency responsible for
4 assisting the transition to a clean energy economy to meet
5 Hawaii's climate and cost of living goals.

6 The legislature further finds that efforts taken by
7 universities, public schools, executive departments, and other
8 government entities have already begun to save taxpayers money
9 by reducing the government's electricity costs. However, those
10 efforts lack statewide coordination, preventing economies of
11 scale to maximize savings. While some departments have made
12 substantial progress, others have yet to commence meaningful
13 activities. Tasking a single agency to plan for energy savings
14 measures across all public facilities and assist government
15 entities already working to reduce energy costs is a necessary
16 step to maximize taxpayer savings.

17 The legislature further finds that although the state
18 energy office is tasked with the responsibility of overseeing
19 one-eighth of Hawaii's economy, which impacts every business and
20 household, the state energy office lacks an enabling statute, a
21 mission, formal guidance, and reporting accountability.



1 Additionally, appointment of the head of the state energy
2 office, the Hawaii state energy office administrator, is exempt
3 from the senate confirmation process required for the majority
4 of other agency heads.

5 The legislature's intent is to establish in statute an
6 energy agency with a clear mission, established guidance,
7 transparent reporting, and accountable leadership that will
8 assist both the public and private sectors in achieving the
9 State's energy goals. More specifically, the purpose of this
10 Act is to:

- 11 (1) Establish the Hawaii state energy office as an
12 attached agency to the department of business,
13 economic development, and tourism; and
- 14 (2) Establish a chief energy officer and transfer the
15 duties and responsibilities of the energy resources
16 coordinator, which are currently assigned to the
17 director of business, economic development, and
18 tourism, to the chief energy officer.

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
21 to read as follows:



1 "PART . HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE

2 §196-A Hawaii state energy office; established. (a)

3 There is established the Hawaii state energy office, which shall
4 be a public body politic and an instrumentality and agency of
5 the State. The office shall be placed within the department of
6 business, economic development, and tourism for administrative
7 purposes, pursuant to section 26-35. The purpose of the Hawaii
8 state energy office shall be to promote energy efficiency,
9 renewable energy, and clean transportation to help achieve a
10 resilient clean energy economy.

11 (b) The Hawaii state energy office shall:

12 (1) Provide analysis and planning to actively develop and
13 inform policies to achieve energy efficiency renewable
14 energy, energy resiliency, and clean transportation
15 goals with the legislature, public utilities
16 commission, state agencies, and other relevant
17 stakeholders;

18 (2) Lead efforts to incorporate energy efficiency,
19 renewable energy, energy resiliency, and clean
20 transportation to reduce costs and achieve clean
21 energy goals across all public facilities;



1 (3) Provide renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy
2 resiliency, and clean transportation project
3 deployment facilitation to assist private sector
4 project completion when aligned with state energy
5 goals; and

6 (4) Engage the private sector to help lead efforts to
7 achieve renewable energy and clean transportation
8 goals through the Hawaii clean energy initiatives.

9 (c) Except as otherwise limited by this part, the Hawaii
10 state energy office, through a memorandum of understanding, may
11 coordinate with and utilize the Hawaii technology development
12 corporation's expertise, personnel, and powers, pursuant to
13 section 206M-3, in order to:

14 (1) Acquire or contract to acquire by grant or purchase
15 any real, personal, or mixed property or any interest
16 therein for its immediate or future use for the
17 purposes of this part; own, hold, improve, and
18 rehabilitate any real, personal, or mixed property
19 acquired, and sell, assign, exchange, transfer,
20 convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of, or encumber
21 the same; and



1 (2) By itself, or in partnership with qualified persons,
2 acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate,
3 improve, alter, or repair any infrastructure or
4 accessory facilities in connection with any project;
5 own, hold, sell, assign, transfer, convey, exchange,
6 lease, or otherwise dispose of, or encumber any
7 project.

8 (d) The Hawaii state energy office shall be the State's
9 primary government entity for supporting the clean energy
10 initiative.

11 (e) No later than twenty days prior to the convening of
12 each regular session, the Hawaii state energy office shall
13 submit a report to the legislature that includes:

14 (1) A description of the activities of the Hawaii state
15 energy office in response to the directives
16 established pursuant to subsection (b) and section
17 196-B(d), along with progress in meeting any of the
18 Hawaii state energy office goals established in or
19 pursuant to this part;



1 (2) Progress by the State in meeting its energy
2 efficiency, renewable energy, and clean transportation
3 goals; and

4 (3) Proposed legislation, if any.

5 §196-B Chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy
6 office; duties. (a) The Hawaii state energy office shall be
7 led by the chief energy officer, who shall be appointed by the
8 governor, subject to confirmation by the senate; provided that
9 the term of the chief energy officer shall be coterminous with
10 the term of the governor.

11 (b) The chief energy officer shall have:

12 (1) Experience, knowledge, and expertise in policy,
13 programs, or services related to energy efficiency,
14 renewable energy, clean transportation, and energy
15 resiliency related activities and development; and

16 (2) Experience in a supervisory or administrative
17 capacity.

18 (c) The chief energy officer shall hire staff necessary to
19 carry out the purposes of this part. The chief energy officer
20 and employees of the Hawaii state energy office shall be exempt
21 from chapter 76 and shall not be considered civil service



1 employees but shall be entitled to any employee benefit plan
2 normally inuring to civil service employees.

3 (d) Subject to the approval of the governor, the chief
4 energy officer shall:

5 (1) Formulate, analyze, recommend, and implement specific
6 policies, strategies, and plans, in coordination with
7 public and private sector stakeholders, to cost-
8 effectively and equitably achieve the State's energy
9 goals;

10 (2) Identify, track and report key performance measures
11 and milestones related to the State's energy and
12 decarbonization goals;

13 (3) Provide technical assistance to state and county
14 agencies to assess and implement projects and programs
15 related to energy conservation and efficiency,
16 renewable energy, clean transportation, energy
17 resiliency, and related measures;

18 (4) Coordinate the State's energy programs with those of
19 the federal government, other territory and state
20 governments, the political subdivisions of the State,



- 1 departments of the State, and governments of nations
2 with interest in common energy resources;
- 3 (5) Identify market gaps and innovation opportunities,
4 collaborate with stakeholders, and facilitate public-
5 private partnerships to develop projects, programs,
6 and tools to encourage private and public exploration,
7 research, and development of energy resources,
8 distributed energy resources, and data analytics that
9 will support the State's energy and decarbonization
10 goals;
- 11 (6) Create and review proposed state actions that may have
12 a significant effect on the State's energy and
13 decarbonization objectives and report to the governor
14 their effect on the energy program, and perform other
15 services as may be required;
- 16 (7) Evaluate, recommend, and participate in the
17 development of incentives and programs that encourage
18 the development of energy efficiency, renewable
19 energy, energy resiliency, distributed energy
20 resources, and clean transportation resources;



- 1 (8) Assess and evaluate the effectiveness and continued
2 necessity of existing energy related incentives, tax
3 credits and programs, and provide recommendations and
4 proposed changes;
- 5 (9) Develop and maintain a comprehensive and systematic
6 quantitative and qualitative capacity to analyze the
7 status of energy resources, systems, and markets, both
8 in-state and in other states and countries,
9 particularly in relation to the State's economy, and
10 to recommend, develop proposals for, and assess the
11 effectiveness of policy and regulatory decisions, and
12 energy emergency planning;
- 13 (10) Develop and recommend programs for, and assist public
14 agencies in the implementation of, energy assurance
15 and energy resilience;
- 16 (11) Support the development, evaluation, revision, and
17 adoption of energy-related codes and standards that
18 advance the State's energy goals;
- 19 (12) Act as the State's energy data clearinghouse by
20 identifying, collecting, compiling, analyzing,



- 1 publishing, and where possible, monetizing energy and
2 clean transportation data and analyses;
- 3 (13) Advocate for the State's energy and decarbonization
4 goals at relevant venues and departments, including
5 but not limited to the public utilities commission,
6 legislature, and division of consumer advocacy, to
7 ensure that state energy policies and regulations
8 align with the state strategic goals and are data-
9 driven;
- 10 (14) Support economic development and innovation
11 initiatives related to and resulting from the State's
12 renewable energy and distributed energy resources
13 experience, capabilities, and data analyses;
- 14 (15) Facilitate the efficient, expedited permitting of
15 energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean
16 transportation, and energy resiliency projects by:
- 17 (A) Coordinating and aligning state and county
18 departments and agencies to support, expedite,
19 and remove barriers to deployment of energy
20 initiatives and projects; and



1 (B) Identify and evaluate conflicting or onerous
2 policies and rules that unreasonably impede
3 project development and deployment, and propose
4 regulatory, legislative, administrative, or other
5 solutions to applicable stakeholders;

6 (16) Identify and recommend policies to align utility goals
7 with those of ratepayers, including evaluating utility
8 models that best support state energy goals;

9 (17) Prepare and submit an annual report and other reports
10 as may be requested to the governor and to the
11 legislature on the implementation of this part;

12 (18) Contract for services when required for the
13 implementation of this part; and

14 (19) Adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, for the
15 administration of this part."

16 SECTION 3. Sections 125C-22, 125C-23, 125C-31, 141-9,
17 196-5, 196-6.5, 196-11, 196-30(a), 196-63, 206M-23, 286-172,
18 304A-1892, and 304A-1894.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are amended
19 by substituting the term "chief energy officer of the Hawaii
20 state energy office" wherever the term "state energy resources
21 coordinator", "energy resources coordinator", "coordinator", or



1 "energy program administrator of the department" appears, as the
2 context requires.

3 SECTION 4. Section 196-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended as follows:

5 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
6 and to read:

7 "Distributed energy resources" means a resource sited
8 close to customers that:

- 9 (1) Can provide all or some of the customers' immediate
10 electric and power needs;
11 (2) Can be used by the system to reduce demand or provide
12 supply to satisfy the energy, capacity, or ancillary
13 service needs of the distribution grid; and
14 (3) Is connected to the distribution system and close to
15 load, if the resource provides electricity or thermal
16 energy.

17 "Distributed energy resources" includes but is not limited to
18 solar photovoltaic and thermal, wind, combined heat and power,
19 electrical and thermal energy storage, demand response
20 technologies, alternative energy vehicles and related



1 infrastructure, microgrids, energy efficiency, and advanced
2 inverters."

3 2. By amending the definition of "energy resources" to
4 read:

5 "Energy resources" means fuel, and also includes all
6 electrical or thermal energy produced by combustion of any fuel,
7 or generated ~~[or]~~, produced, or stored using wind, the sun,
8 geothermal heat, ocean water, falling water, currents, waves, or
9 any other source."

10 SECTION 5. Section 201-12.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

12 "(b) Subject to legislative appropriation, moneys from the
13 fund may be expended by the ~~[department of business, economic~~
14 ~~development, and tourism]~~ Hawaii state energy office for the
15 following purposes and used for no other purposes, except for
16 those set forth in this section:

17 (1) To support the Hawaii clean energy initiative
18 program~~[, including its energy division, including~~
19 ~~funding staff positions within the division,]~~ and
20 projects that ~~[ensure]~~ promote and advance
21 dependable~~[, efficient, and economical energy,~~



1 ~~promote~~] and affordable energy, renewable energy,
2 energy efficiency, energy self-sufficiency, and
3 ~~[provide]~~ greater energy security and resiliency for
4 the State[7] and public facilities;

5 ~~[(2) To fund the renewable energy facilitator pursuant to~~
6 ~~section 201-12.5 and any other positions necessary for~~
7 ~~the purposes of paragraph (1) as determined by the~~
8 ~~legislature; and~~

9 ~~(3)]~~ (2) To fund, to the extent possible, the greenhouse
10 gas emissions reduction task force[7] and climate
11 change task force[7, grants in aid to the economic
12 development boards of each county, and grants in aid
13 to economic development agencies of each county to
14 meet the stated objectives of the Hawaii clean energy
15 initiative program.] ;

16 (3) To support achieving the zero emissions clean economy
17 target set forth in section 225P-5;

18 (4) To fund the building energy efficiency revolving loan
19 fund established in section 201-20;

20 (5) To fund projects and incentives to promote the
21 adoption of clean transportation technologies, develop



1 clean vehicle charging infrastructure, and upgrade
2 infrastructure to support the development of clean
3 vehicle charging infrastructure; and
4 (6) To fund, to the extent possible, the duties of the
5 state building code council in section 107-24, as they
6 relate to the development of energy conservation
7 codes."

8 SECTION 6. Section 304A-1891, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

10 "(b) The director of the institute shall coordinate the
11 institute's work with the [~~energy resources coordinator~~] chief
12 energy officer of the Hawaii state energy office in carrying out
13 duties pursuant to section [~~196-4~~] 196-B in the area of research
14 and development of renewable energy sources."

15 SECTION 7. Section 196-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 repealed.

17 [~~"§196-3 Energy resources coordinator. The director of~~
18 ~~business, economic development, and tourism shall serve as~~
19 ~~energy resources coordinator."~~]

20 SECTION 8. Section 196-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 repealed.



1 ~~["§196-4 Powers and duties. Subject to the approval of~~
2 ~~the governor, the coordinator shall:~~

3 ~~(1) Formulate plans, including objectives, criteria to~~
4 ~~measure accomplishment of objectives, programs through~~
5 ~~which the objectives are to be attained, and financial~~
6 ~~requirements for the optimum development of Hawaii's~~
7 ~~energy resources;~~

8 ~~(2) Conduct systematic analysis of existing and proposed~~
9 ~~energy resource programs, evaluate the analysis~~
10 ~~conducted by government agencies and other~~
11 ~~organizations and recommend programs that represent~~
12 ~~the most effective allocation of resources for the~~
13 ~~development of energy resources;~~

14 ~~(3) Formulate and recommend specific proposals, as~~
15 ~~necessary, for conserving energy resources, including~~
16 ~~the allocation and distribution thereof;~~

17 ~~(4) Assist public and private agencies in implementing~~
18 ~~energy conservation and efficiency programs, the~~
19 ~~development of indigenous energy resources, and~~
20 ~~related measures;~~



- 1 ~~(5) Coordinate the State's energy programs with those of~~
2 ~~the federal government, other state governments,~~
3 ~~governments of nations with interest in common energy~~
4 ~~resources, and the political subdivisions of the~~
5 ~~State;~~
- 6 ~~(6) Develop programs to encourage private and public~~
7 ~~exploration, research, and development of indigenous~~
8 ~~energy resources that will benefit the State;~~
- 9 ~~(7) Conduct public education programs to inform the public~~
10 ~~of the energy resources situation, as it may exist,~~
11 ~~from time to time and of the government actions taken;~~
- 12 ~~(8) Serve as consultant to the governor, public agencies,~~
13 ~~and private industry on energy related matters;~~
- 14 ~~(9) Contract for services when required for the~~
15 ~~implementation of this chapter;~~
- 16 ~~(10) Review proposed state actions that the coordinator~~
17 ~~finds to have significant effect on the State's energy~~
18 ~~objectives and report to the governor their effect on~~
19 ~~the energy program, and perform other services as may~~
20 ~~be required by the governor and the legislature;~~



- 1 ~~(11) Prepare and submit an annual report and other reports~~
2 ~~as may be requested to the governor and to the~~
3 ~~legislature on the implementation of this chapter and~~
4 ~~all matters related to energy resources;~~
- 5 ~~(12) Formulate a systematic process, including the~~
6 ~~development of requirements, to identify geographic~~
7 ~~areas that are rich with renewable energy resource~~
8 ~~potential that can be developed in a cost effective~~
9 ~~and environmentally benign manner and designate these~~
10 ~~areas as renewable energy zones;~~
- 11 ~~(13) Develop and recommend incentives, plans, and programs~~
12 ~~to encourage the development of renewable energy~~
13 ~~resource projects within the renewable energy zones;~~
- 14 ~~(14) Assist public and private agencies in identifying~~
15 ~~utility transmission projects or infrastructure~~
16 ~~required to accommodate and facilitate the development~~
17 ~~of renewable energy resources;~~
- 18 ~~(15) Assist public and private agencies, in coordination~~
19 ~~with the department of budget and finance, in~~
20 ~~accessing the use of special purpose revenue bonds to~~
21 ~~finance the engineering, design, and construction of~~



- 1 ~~transmission projects and infrastructure that are~~
2 ~~deemed critical to the development of renewable energy~~
3 ~~resources;~~
- 4 ~~(16) Develop the criteria or requirements for identifying~~
5 ~~and qualifying specific transmission projects and~~
6 ~~infrastructure that are critical to the development of~~
7 ~~renewable energy resources, including providing~~
8 ~~assistance in accessing the use of special purpose~~
9 ~~revenue bonds to finance the projects or~~
10 ~~infrastructure;~~
- 11 ~~(17) Develop and maintain a comprehensive and systematic~~
12 ~~quantitative and qualitative capacity to analyze the~~
13 ~~status of energy resources, systems, and markets, both~~
14 ~~in state and those to which Hawaii is directly tied,~~
15 ~~particularly in relation to the State's economy, and~~
16 ~~to recommend, develop proposals for, and assess the~~
17 ~~effectiveness of policy and regulatory decisions, and~~
18 ~~conduct energy emergency planning; and~~
- 19 ~~(18) Adopt rules for the administration of this chapter~~
20 ~~pursuant to chapter 91."]~~



1 SECTION 9. Section 201-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 repealed.

3 ~~["§201-12.5 Renewable energy facilitator; establishment;~~
4 ~~duties. (a) There is established within the department of~~
5 ~~business, economic development, and tourism the position of~~
6 ~~renewable energy facilitator, which shall be a full time,~~
7 ~~temporary position exempt from chapters 76 and 89. The~~
8 ~~renewable energy facilitator shall possess a requisite level of~~
9 ~~knowledge and expertise in the areas of renewable energy, state~~
10 ~~and county permitting processes, and management necessary to~~
11 ~~carry out the duties of the position.~~

12 ~~(b) The renewable energy facilitator shall have the~~
13 ~~following duties:~~

14 ~~(1) Facilitate the efficient permitting of renewable~~
15 ~~energy projects, including:~~

16 ~~(A) The land parcel on which the facility is~~
17 ~~situated;~~

18 ~~(B) Any renewable energy production structure or~~
19 ~~equipment;~~

20 ~~(C) Any energy transmission line from the facility to~~
21 ~~a public utility's electricity system; and~~



- 1 ~~(D) Any on site infrastructure necessary for the~~
2 ~~production of electricity or biofuel from the~~
3 ~~renewable energy site;~~
- 4 ~~(2) Initiate the implementation of key renewable energy~~
5 ~~projects by permitting various efficiency improvement~~
6 ~~strategies identified by the department;~~
- 7 ~~(3) Administer the day to day coordination for renewable~~
8 ~~energy projects on behalf of the department; and~~
- 9 ~~(4) Submit periodic reports to the legislature on~~
10 ~~renewable energy facilitation activities.~~
- 11 ~~(c) The renewable energy facilitator position shall be~~
12 ~~funded by the energy security special fund."]~~

13 SECTION 10. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$2,300,000 or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2020-2021 for the Hawaii state energy office.

18 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
19 of business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes
20 of this Act.



1 SECTION 11. Unless otherwise clear from the context, as
2 used in this Act:

3 "Expending agency" means the executive department,
4 independent commission, bureau, office, board, or other
5 establishment of the state government (other than the
6 legislature, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and judiciary), the
7 political subdivisions of the State, or any quasi-public
8 institution supported in whole or in part by state funds, which
9 is authorized to expend specified appropriations made by this
10 Act.

11 Abbreviations, where used to denote the expending agency,
12 shall mean the following:

13 BED Department of Business, Economic Development, and
14 Tourism

15 "Means of financing" or "MOF" means the source from which
16 funds are appropriated or authorized to be expended for the
17 programs and projects specified in this Act. All appropriations
18 are followed by letter symbols. Such letter symbols, where
19 used, shall have the following meanings:

20 A general funds
21 T trust funds



1 "Position ceiling" means the maximum number of permanent
2 and temporary full-time equivalent positions authorized for a
3 particular program during a specified period or periods, as
4 denoted by an asterisk for permanent full-time equivalent
5 positions and a pound sign for temporary full-time equivalent
6 positions.

7 "Program ID" means the unique identifier for the specific
8 program and consists of the abbreviation for the organization
9 responsible for carrying out the program followed by the
10 organization number for the program.

11 SECTION 12. The following sums, or so much thereof as may
12 be sufficient to accomplish the purposes and programs designated
13 herein, are hereby appropriated or authorized, as the case may
14 be, from the means of financing specified to the expending
15 agencies designated for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1,
16 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The total expenditures and the
17 number of positions in each fiscal year of the biennium shall
18 not exceed the sums and the position ceilings indicated for each
19 fiscal year, except as provided elsewhere in this Act or as
20 provided by general law.

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PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020	M O F	FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021	M O F
1	1.	BED120 - HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE					
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3				5.00*		5.00*	
4				23.00#		23.00#	
5		OPERATING	BED	2,950,673A		2,950,673A	
6			BED	240,000T		240,000%	
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8 SECTION 13. All rights, powers, functions, and duties of
 9 the state energy office as it existed prior to the effective
 10 date of this Act are transferred to the Hawaii state energy
 11 office established by this Act.

12 All employees who occupy civil service positions and whose
 13 functions are transferred to the Hawaii state energy office by
 14 this Act shall retain their civil service status, whether
 15 permanent or temporary, until such time as the employees leave
 16 employment with the Hawaii state energy office. Employees shall
 17 be transferred without loss of salary, seniority (except as
 18 prescribed by applicable collective bargaining agreements),
 19 retention points, prior service credit, any vacation and sick
 20 leave credits previously earned, and other rights, benefits, and
 21 privileges, in accordance with state personnel laws and this



1 Act; provided that the employees possess the minimum
2 qualifications and public employment requirements for the class
3 or position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable;
4 provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made
5 pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

6 Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil
7 service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act may
8 retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed
9 to a civil service position as a consequence of this Act. An
10 exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer
11 any loss of prior service credit, vacation or sick leave credits
12 previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a
13 consequence of this Act; provided that the employees possess
14 legal and public employment requirements for the position to
15 which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further
16 that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to
17 applicable employment and compensation laws. The chief energy
18 officer of the Hawaii state energy office may prescribe the
19 duties and qualifications of these employees and fix their
20 salaries without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



1 SECTION 14. This Act does not affect rights and duties
2 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that
3 were begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 15. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii state energy office. Establishes the chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy office and powers and duties of the chief energy officer. Repeals the establishment of the energy resources coordinator position, the coordinator's powers and duties, and the establishment of the renewable energy facilitator position, and transfers some of the powers and duties of the energy resources coordinator to the chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy office. Appropriates funds for expenses and positions for the Hawaii state energy office. Transfers powers and duties of the state energy office, including existing civil service employees, to the new Hawaii state energy office and retains their civil service status until they leave employment with the energy office. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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