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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the purpose of Act
2 122, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, was to transfer the duties and
3 responsibilities of the state energy coordinator and the
4 functions of the renewable energy facilitator and the then
5 existing state energy office to a newly created Hawaii state
6 energy office and chief energy officer. However, Act 122 did
7 not amend certain sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes
8 pertaining to the reporting of energy matters to the
9 legislature. The purpose of this Act is to amend those sections
10 to clarify the reporting obligations of the chief energy officer
11 of the Hawaii state energy office.

12 SECTION 2. Section 196-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~
15 ~~and tourism~~] chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy
16 office shall submit a report to the legislature no later than
17 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session on

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1 the status and progress of new and existing clean energy
2 initiatives. The report shall also include:

- 3 (1) The spending plan of the Hawaii clean energy
4 initiative program;
- 5 (2) All expenditures of energy security special fund
6 moneys; and
- 7 (3) The targeted markets of the expenditures, including
8 reasons for selecting those markets, the persons to be
9 served, specific objectives of the program, and
10 program expenditures, including measurable outcomes."

11 SECTION 3. Section 196-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

13 "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~
14 ~~and tourism~~] chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy
15 office shall:

- 16 (1) Develop a program to maximize the use of renewable
17 energy and cost-effective conservation measures by
18 state government agencies;
- 19 (2) Work with federal agencies to develop as much
20 research, development and demonstration funding, and
21 technical assistance as possible to support Hawaii in

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1 its efforts to achieve its renewable portfolio
2 standards; and

3 (3) Biennially, beginning January 2006, issue a progress
4 report to the governor and legislature."

5 SECTION 4. Section 201-12.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~
8 ~~and tourism~~] chief energy officer of the Hawaii state energy
9 office shall submit a report to the legislature, no later than
10 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session, on
11 the status and progress of existing programs and activities and
12 the status of new programs and activities funded by the energy
13 security special fund. The report shall also include:

14 (1) The spending plan of the energy security special fund;

15 (2) All expenditures of energy security special fund
16 moneys; and

17 (3) The targeted markets of the expenditures, including
18 the reason for selecting those markets; the persons to
19 be served; and the specific objectives of the
20 expenditures, including measurable outcomes."

21 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: Wm. N. W.

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Chief Energy Officer; Energy Reporting; Renewable Portfolio Standards Support

Description:

Clarifies that the party responsible for Renewable Portfolio Standards support and reporting on certain energy matters shall be the Chief Energy Officer, following Act 122, SLH 2019.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development and Tourism
(Hawaii State Energy Office)

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY.

PURPOSE: To clarify reporting responsibilities consistent with Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2019.

MEANS: Amend sections 196-10.5(c), 196-41(c), and 201-12.8(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Act 122, SLH 2019, transferred the duties and responsibilities of the state energy coordinator and the functions of the renewable energy facilitator and the then existing state energy office to a newly created Hawaii State Energy Office and Chief Energy Officer. However, Act 122 did not amend certain sections of the Hawaii Revised Statutes pertaining to the reporting of energy matters to the Legislature. The authority to report on energy matters needs to be granted to the Hawaii State Energy Office so that reporting can continue for the State.

Impact on the public: No direct impact on the public. Improves transparency regarding agency reporting responsibilities.

Impact on the department and other agencies: Resolves uncertainty regarding reporting responsibilities.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: None.

OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.