



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **626**

May 12, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 12, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

HB2175 HD2 SD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY.
(ACT 96)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Approved by the Governor

on MAY 12 2006

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2006
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 096

H.B. NO. 2175
H.D. 2
S.D. 2
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's dependence on petroleum for about ninety per cent of its energy needs is higher than any other state in the nation. This dependence makes the state extremely vulnerable to any oil embargo, supply disruption, and international market dysfunction, and many other factors beyond the control of the State. Furthermore, the continued consumption of conventional petroleum fuel negatively impacts the environment.

The legislature also finds that increased energy efficiency and use of renewable energy resources would increase Hawaii's energy self-sufficiency, achieving broad societal benefits, including increased energy security, resistance to increases in oil prices, environmental sustainability, economic development, and job creation.

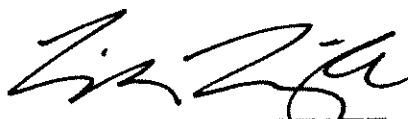
Over the years, the legislature has worked steadily to encourage the deployment of renewable energy resources and energy efficiency initiatives. This includes:

HB2175 CD1 HMS 2006-3825



1 SECTION 33. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;
2 provided that sections 2, 3, 10, 12 and 13 shall take effect on
3 July 1, 2006.

APPROVED this 12 day of MAY, 2006



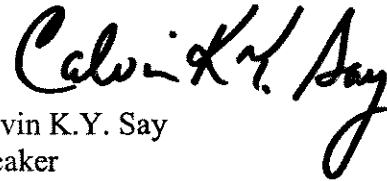
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker
House of Representatives



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

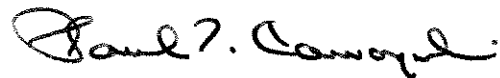
THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2006
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Robert Bunda
President of the Senate



Paul Kawaguchi
Clerk of the Senate