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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF KAHO'OLAWE.

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

1           SECTION 1. Act 340, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, mandated  
2 that the island of Kaho'olawe be reserved in perpetuity for uses  
3 such as:

4           (1) The preservation and practice of rights customarily  
5               and traditionally exercised by native Hawaiians for  
6               cultural, spiritual, and subsistence purposes;

7           (2) The preservation and protection of the island's  
8               archaeological, historical, and environmental  
9               resources; and

10          (3) Education.

11          Accordingly, the Kaho'olawe island reserve commission plans  
12 to establish culture and education centers, operations  
13 facilities, overnight campsites, restoration areas, and cultural  
14 and wildlife preserves on the island.

15          Because Kaho'olawe is geographically and logistically  
16 isolated from the other Hawaiian islands, concerns have emerged  
17 regarding appropriate power sources and adequate fuel supplies  
18 to successfully maintain planned facilities and operations.



1           In keeping with the Kaho'olawe island reserve commission's  
2 mandate and vision to restore, preserve, and maintain a pristine  
3 natural environment on the island, the use of alternative energy  
4 resources for the island's power needs should be considered.  
5 The State is in the unique position of establishing Kaho'olawe  
6 as a model project for sustainability and alternative energy  
7 research and application that can be used to plan for the future  
8 power needs of not only Kaho'olawe, but the entire State as  
9 well. In this regard, the State Planning Act, chapter 226,  
10 Hawaii Revised Statutes, identifies increased energy self-  
11 sufficiency as one of the State's energy objectives.

12           The purpose of this Act is to direct the auditor to  
13 determine the feasibility of deploying alternative energy  
14 resources to meet the island's energy needs and submit a report  
15 of findings and recommendations to the legislature and governor  
16 prior to the convening of the regular session of 2008.

17           SECTION 2. The auditor shall conduct an audit to determine  
18 the feasibility of deploying alternative energy resources to the  
19 island of Kaho'olawe. The audit shall identify feasible  
20 alternative energy resources and shall include a cost analysis,  
21 assessment, infrastructure and transportation needs analysis,  
22 and an implementation strategy for the use of alternative energy



1 resources to address the current and future energy needs of the  
2 island.

3 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit findings and  
4 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
5 legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior to  
6 the convening of the regular session of 2008.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.  
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**Report Title:**

Kaho'olawe; Alternative Energy Resource Audit

**Description:**

Directs the auditor to conduct an audit to determine the feasibility of deploying alternative energy resources to meet the energy needs of the island of Kaho'olawe and submit a report of findings and recommendations to the legislature and governor before the convening of the 2007 regular session.

