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: the preservation and practice of rights customarily and traditionally exercised by native Hawaiians for cultural, 4 5 spiritual, and subsistence purposes; the preservation and 6 protection of the island's archaeological, historical, and 7 environmental resources; and education. Accordingly, the 8 Kaho`olawe island reserve commission plans to establish kahua 9 kauhale, or culture and education centers, operations facilities, overnight campsites, restoration areas, and cultural 10 11 and wildlife preserves on the island. 12 Because Kaho`olawe is geographically and logistically isolated from the other Hawaiian islands, concerns have emerged 13 regarding appropriate power sources and adequate fuel supplies 14 15 to successfully maintain planned facilities and operations. 16 In keeping with the Kaho`olawe island reserve commission's mandate and vision to restore, preserve, and maintain a pristine 17

natural environment on the island, the use of alternative energy

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1	resources for the island's power needs is advisable. Kaho`olawa
2	can serve as a model project for sustainability and alternative
3	energy research and application. In this regard, the State
4	Planning Act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, identifies
5	increased energy self-sufficiency as one of the State's energy
6	objectives.
7	The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to:
8	(1) Design, plan, and install renewable energy systems for
9	a model kahua kauhale that will:
10	(A) Support large group or longer-term visits to the
11	island to introduce visitors to the island and
12	for apprenticeship, project specific uses, and
13	restorative activities;
14	(B) Serve as a model to determine energy and
15	logistical requirements of future kahua kauhale;
16	and
17	(2) Enable ongoing evaluation of alternative energy
18	applications to support the future vision and
19	activities for the island of Kaho`olawe.
20	SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21	revenues of the State of Hawaii, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so

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much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for 1 2 the following purposes: \$800,000 for the design, purchase, and installation of 3 (1)renewable energy systems and the costs of transporting related equipment for a kahua kauhale (educational and 5 cultural center and work camp) that will be used as a 6 7 model encampment on the island of Kaho'olawe; and 8 (2)The ongoing evaluation of long-term alternative energy 9 applications to support the future vision and historical, cultural, archeological, and restorative 10 11 activities for the island of Kaho'olawe, including but not limited to evaluating the feasibility of using 12 13 renewable resource options for the following: pumping of fresh water, desalinization, ice production, and 14 fuel for vehicles. 15 16 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007. 19

INTRODUCED BY:

Kaho`olawe island reserve commission for the purposes of this

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Act.

Report Title:

Kaho`olawe; Renewable Resources

Description:

Appropriates funds to install renewable energy systems for a model kahua kauhale or encampment on Kaho`olawe and to enable ongoing evaluation of renewable resources for the island.