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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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

SECTION 1. (a) No later than December 31, 2010, the
 public benefits fee administrator shall conduct an energy
 efficiency assessment of energy use patterns in the State. This
 assessment shall include:

- 5 (1) Research of end-use with respect to homes, businesses,
 6 and other electric utility customers;
- 7 (2) Identification of potential energy savings; and
- 8 (3) Recommendations of energy efficiency programs.

9 Based upon its review, the public benefits fee (b) 10 administrator shall develop aggressive energy efficiency plans; 11 provided that efficiency shall be the first loaded resource in 12 all cases where it is cost effective. Cost effectiveness shall 13 be determined as a measure of all resources that cover the 14 incremental cost of investment within fifteen years as measured against average electricity rates for residential, small 15 16 commercial, large commercial, industrial, and agricultural 17 customers.

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To the extent that county building codes or the state
 building code may change between versions of efficiency plans,
 the net impact of the building code requirements should be
 netted out of the plans.

5 (c) Prior to the availability of an efficiency plan as 6 required by subsection (b), the public benefits fee 7 administrator, public utilities commission, and department of 8 business, economic development, and tourism shall collaborate 9 with stakeholders to identify a limited set of cost-effective 10 energy efficiency measures that may be implemented immediately, 11 in significant volumes and with high penetration goals, that 12 will result in high energy savings.

13 SECTION 3. The public benefits fee administrator shall
14 submit a report of its findings of the energy efficiency
15 assessment to the public utilities commission, the energy
16 resources coordinator, electric utilities, and the legislature
17 no later than December 31, 2010.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the public utilities commission special fund the sum of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 for the public benefits fee administrator to conduct an energy efficiency assessment pursuant to this Act.

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The sums appropriated shall be expended by the public 1 utilities commission for the purposes of this Act. 2 3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009. 4

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Report Title: Energy Efficiency; Studies and Planning

Description:

Directs the public benefits fee administrator to review energy use patterns and develop an energy efficiency plan. Appropriates funds.

