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S.B. NO. 2297

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 226-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

3 "(c) To further achieve the energy objectives, it shall be
4 the policy of this State to:

5 (1) Support research and development as well as promote
6 the use of renewable energy sources;

7 (2) Ensure that the combination of energy supplies and
8 energy-saving systems is sufficient to support the
9 demands of growth;

10 (3) Base decisions of least-cost supply-side and demand-
11 side energy resource options on a comparison of their
12 total costs and benefits when a least-cost is
13 determined by a reasonably comprehensive,
14 quantitative, and qualitative accounting of their
15 long-term, direct and indirect economic,
16 environmental, social, cultural, and public health
17 costs and benefits;



(4) Promote all cost-effective conservation of power and fuel supplies through measures, including:

(A) Development of cost-effective demand-side management programs;

(B) Education; and

(C) Adoption of energy-efficient practices and technologies;

(5) Ensure, to the extent that new supply-side resources are needed, that the development or expansion of energy systems uses the least-cost energy supply option and maximizes efficient technologies;

(6) Support research, development, demonstration, and use of energy efficiency, load management, and other demand-side management programs, practices, and technologies;

(7) Promote alternate fuels and transportation energy efficiency;

(8) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester greenhouse gases in utility, transportation, and industrial sector applications;



- (9) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions through agriculture and forestry initiatives; [and]
- (10) Provide priority handling and processing for all state and county permits required for renewable energy projects [-];
- (11) Develop renewable energy resources, including wind, solar, ocean thermal energy conversion, wave, geothermal, and biofuels, on ceded lands that are located on public trust land;
- (12) Ensure that the development of energy resources on public trust land:
 - (A) Directly benefits native Hawaiians and the public beneficiaries of the trust; and
 - (B) Includes a community benefit package that contains provisions for revenue sharing with the community and energy allocation for small business development;
- (13) Promote the development of geothermal energy resources as an affordable and reliable source of firm power for Hawaii, without excluding the development of other potential sources of firm power; and



1 (14) Enter into partnerships with the private sector to
2 increase the State's energy self-sufficiency and
3 energy independence."

4 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Hawaii State Planning Act; Energy; Public Land Trust

Description:

Amends the Hawaii state planning act to include the development of renewable energy resources on public trust land and public-private partnerships to achieve the State's energy objectives.

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