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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a
- 2 collaborative effort to improve energy efficiency, reliability,
- 3 security, and grid operations in Hawai'i. Various organizations
- 4 and agencies, including the Pacific-Asia institute for
- 5 resilience and sustainability; department of defense office of
- 6 homeland security; Hawaiian Electric; Mehta Tech, Inc.; and
- 7 United States Pacific Command; have collaborated to study the
- 8 potential enhancement of the security, reliability, and
- 9 dependability of the electric grid on O'ahu and ways to apply
- 10 analytics to better predict potential risks and issues,
- 11 including natural disasters. While this initial study is
- 12 focused on O'ahu, it is evident from the recent power outages
- 13 that the electric grid on the island of Hawai'i and other
- 14 neighbor islands should also be studied.
- 15 The purpose of this Act is to support the development of a
- 16 smart grid for all of Hawai'i by appropriating funds to support
- 17 the Pacific-Asia institute for resilience and sustainability's



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- 1 collaborative research efforts in exploring methods to improve
- 2 energy efficiency and grid operations.
- 3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
- 4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$
- much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and 5
- 6 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
- 7 year 2016-2017 as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii
- 8 Revised Statutes, for the Pacific-Asia institute for resilience
- 9 and sustainability's management team to continue in its
- 10 collaborative research efforts in exploring methods to improve
- 11 energy efficiency and grid operations in all of Hawai'i.
- 12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the office of
- 13 the lieutenant governor for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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### Report Title:

Energy Efficiency; Grid Operations; Pacific-Asia Institute for Resilience and Sustainability; Appropriation

#### Description:

Appropriates funds as a grant to the Pacific-Asia institute for resilience and sustainability to continue in its collaborative research efforts in exploring methods to improve energy efficiency and grid operations in all of Hawai'i.

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