
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that energy efficiency is
2 a cornerstone of the State's transition to clean energy. It is
3 also a strong mechanism for protecting consumers from high
4 energy costs. The legislature has repeatedly found that
5 promoting greater energy efficiency is in the public's interest.

6 The purpose of this Act is to establish an energy
7 efficiency task force to make recommendations on energy
8 proposals to ensure cost savings to all ratepayers.

9 SECTION 2. (a) The director of business, economic
10 development, and tourism shall establish the energy efficiency
11 task force to make recommendations on building and energy codes
12 and standards for commercial buildings. The director shall
13 initiate the organization of and provide staff support for the
14 task force.

15 (b) The director shall invite representatives of the
16 following agencies to participate in the task force:

17 (1) State energy office;



- 1 (2) State building code council;
- 2 (3) A county building official from each of the four
- 3 counties appointed by the mayor;
- 4 (4) Structural Engineers Association of Hawaii;
- 5 (5) American Institute of Architects, Hawaii State
- 6 Council;
- 7 (6) The public benefits fee administrator; and
- 8 (7) Any additional members from various sectors, including
- 9 energy efficiency experts, nonprofit organizations,
- 10 and others to be selected at the discretion of the
- 11 director of business, economic development, and
- 12 tourism.

13 A single member of the task force may represent more than one of
14 the seven enumerated task force participant categories.

15 (c) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
16 and recommendations, to the legislature and the state building
17 code council no later than January 31, 2018. The report shall
18 include:

- 19 (1) New building and energy codes and standards that
- 20 existing and new commercial buildings or structure
- 21 will follow to become more energy efficient,



1 particularly with respect to the problem of open-door
2 air conditioning;

3 (2) Proposals to define allowable air curtain or other
4 retrofit technologies sufficient to protect against
5 the co-mingling of indoor and outdoor air in
6 commercial buildings and structures;

7 (3) Proposals to implement design and construction codes
8 and standards for new commercial construction to avoid
9 open-door air conditioning in the future; and

10 (4) Proposals for codes and standards to be included in
11 the state building and energy codes with respect to
12 commercial construction, to increase energy
13 efficiency.

14 (d) The members of the task force shall serve without
15 compensation and shall be exempt from the requirements of
16 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

17 (e) The task force shall terminate on June 30, 2018.

18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon a date to be
19 determined.



Report Title:

Energy Efficiency; Task Force

Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish a task force to make recommendations on building and energy code and standards for commercial buildings.
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