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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOMASS ENERGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3           "(b) The public utilities commission may establish  
4 standards for each utility that prescribe what portion of the  
5 renewable portfolio standards shall be met by specific types of  
6 renewable energy resources; provided that:

7           (1) Prior to January 1, 2015, at least fifty per cent of  
8 the renewable portfolio standards shall be met by  
9 electrical energy generated using renewable energy as  
10 the source, and after December 31, 2014, the entire  
11 renewable portfolio standard shall be met by  
12 electrical generation from renewable energy sources;

13           (2) Beginning January 1, 2015, electrical energy savings  
14 shall not count toward renewable energy portfolio  
15 standards;



1 (3) Where electrical energy is generated or displaced by a  
2 combination of renewable and nonrenewable means, the  
3 proportion attributable to the renewable means shall  
4 be credited as renewable energy; [~~and~~]

5 (4) Where fossil and renewable fuels are co-fired in the  
6 same generating unit, the unit shall be considered to  
7 generate renewable electrical energy (electricity) in  
8 direct proportion to the percentage of the total heat  
9 input value represented by the heat input value of the  
10 renewable fuels[-]; and

11 (5) For a period of five years from January 1, 2018, to  
12 January 1, 2023, if the renewable energy resources  
13 contain at least fifty per cent biomass:

14 (A) One hundred twenty-five megawatts shall be shared  
15 annually between investor-owned facilities and  
16 counties with a consumer base of over one hundred  
17 thousand consumers; and

18 (B) Eighty per cent of the biomass shall comprise a  
19 by-product of sustainable forestry management."

20 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Utilities; Biomass Energy

**Description:**

Specifies conditions under which electric utilities shall purchase power from biomass facilities.

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