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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part V to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§196-    Household appliances; retailers; rebates. (a)

5 All retailers of household appliances doing business in the  
6 State shall conspicuously display signage or text on household  
7 appliances in a font size no smaller than one-half inch which  
8 informs consumers of the following:

9           (1) Available energy efficiency rebates; and

10          (2) Hawaii-specific energy costs for operation.

11          (b) The Hawaii state energy office, in collaboration with  
12 the public benefits fee administrator, shall notify all  
13 retailers subject to this section of the requirements of this  
14 section."

15          SECTION 2. Section 269-123, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



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1           "(b) The public benefits fee administrator's duties and  
2 responsibilities shall be established by the public utilities  
3 commission by rule or order, and may include:

4           (1) Identifying, developing, administering, promoting,  
5           implementing, and evaluating programs, methods, and  
6           technologies that support energy-efficiency and  
7           demand-side management programs;

8           (2) Encouraging the continuance or improvement of  
9           efficiencies made in the production, delivery, and use  
10          of energy-efficiency and demand-side management  
11          programs and services;

12          (3) Using the energy-efficiency expertise and capabilities  
13          that have developed or may develop in the State and  
14          consulting with state agency experts;

15          (4) Promoting program initiatives, incentives, and market  
16          strategies that address the needs of persons facing  
17          the most significant barriers to participation;

18          (5) Promoting coordinated program delivery, including  
19          coordination with electric public utilities regarding  
20          the delivery of low-income home energy assistance,



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1           other demand-side management or energy-efficiency  
2           programs, and any utility programs;

3           (6) Consideration of innovative approaches to delivering  
4           demand-side management and energy-efficiency services,  
5           including strategies to encourage third-party  
6           financing and customer contributions to the cost of  
7           demand-side management and energy-efficiency services;

8           (7) Submitting, to the public utilities commission for  
9           review and approval, a multi-year budget and planning  
10          cycle that promotes program improvement, program  
11          stability, and maturation of programs and delivery  
12          resources; and

13          (8) Educating and training appliance manufacturers,  
14          distributors, and retailers of appliances [~~covered~~]:

15            (A) Covered under part VI of chapter 196 about the  
16            appliance efficiency standards established under  
17            that part; and

18            (B) Covered under section 196-     about the energy  
19            efficiency and energy cost information required  
20            to be displayed under that section,  
21          to improve compliance[~~-~~] with those laws."

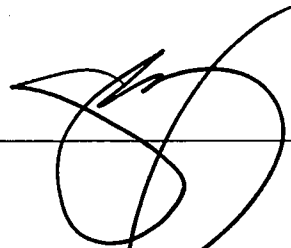


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1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2020.  
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**Report Title:**

Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Benefits Fee Administrator;  
Household Appliances

**Description:**

Requires retailers of household appliances to conspicuously display available energy efficiency rebates and state-specific energy operation costs. Effective 10/1/2020.

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