



GOV. MSG. NO. 1155

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 20, 2024

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 20, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2537 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO ENERGY.
ACT 055

Sincerely,

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Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024
STATE OF HAWAII

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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 the purpose of
2 Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 (Act 122), was to transfer
3 the duties and responsibilities of the state energy resources
4 coordinator, the functions of the renewable energy facilitator,
5 and the then existing state energy office to a newly created
6 Hawaii state energy office and chief energy officer. However,
7 Act 122 did not amend certain sections of the Hawaii Revised
8 Statutes pertaining to the reporting of certain energy matters
9 to the legislature.

10 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend those
11 sections to clarify that the chief energy officer of the Hawaii
12 state energy office is responsible for supporting the renewable
13 portfolio standards and reporting on certain energy matters.

14 SECTION 2. Section 196-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

16 "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~
17 ~~and tourism]~~ chief energy officer shall submit a report to the
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of



1 each regular session on the status and progress of new and
2 existing clean energy initiatives. The report shall also
3 include:

- 4 (1) The spending plan of the Hawaii clean energy
5 initiative program;
- 6 (2) All expenditures of energy security special fund
7 moneys; and
- 8 (3) The targeted markets of the expenditures, including
9 reasons for selecting those markets, the persons to be
10 served, specific objectives of the program, and
11 program expenditures, including measurable outcomes."

12 SECTION 3. Section 196-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~
15 ~~and tourism~~] chief energy officer shall:

- 16 (1) Develop a program to maximize the use of renewable
17 energy and cost-effective conservation measures by
18 state government agencies;
- 19 (2) Work with federal agencies to develop as much
20 research, development and demonstration funding, and
21 technical assistance as possible to support Hawaii in



1 its efforts to achieve its renewable portfolio
2 standards; and

3 (3) Biennially, beginning in January 2006, issue a
4 progress report to the governor and legislature."

5 SECTION 4. Section 201-12.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~
8 ~~and tourism~~] chief energy officer shall submit a report to the
9 legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
10 each regular session, on the status and progress of existing
11 programs and activities and the status of new programs and
12 activities funded by the energy security special fund. The
13 report shall also include:

- 14 (1) The spending plan of the energy security special fund;
15 (2) All expenditures of energy security special fund
16 moneys; and
17 (3) The targeted markets of the expenditures, including
18 the reason for selecting those markets; the persons to
19 be served; and the specific objectives of the
20 expenditures, including measurable outcomes."



- 1 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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APPROVED this **20th** day of **June**, 2024

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

SB No. 2537, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 1, 2024
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives