
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 201-12.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Subject to legislative appropriation, moneys from the
4 fund may be expended by the Hawaii state energy office for the
5 following purposes and used for no other purposes, except for
6 those set forth in this section:

7 (1) To support the Hawaii clean energy initiative program
8 and projects that promote and advance dependable and
9 affordable energy, renewable energy, energy
10 efficiency, energy self-sufficiency, and greater
11 energy security and resiliency for the State and
12 public facilities;

13 (2) To fund, to the extent possible, the climate change
14 mitigation and adaptation commission [~~and the~~
15 ~~greenhouse gas sequestration task force~~];

16 (3) To support achieving the zero emissions clean economy
17 target set forth in section 225P-5;



1 (4) To fund projects and incentives to promote the
 2 adoption of clean transportation technologies, develop
 3 clean vehicle charging infrastructure, and upgrade
 4 infrastructure to support the development of clean
 5 vehicle charging infrastructure; and

6 (5) To fund, to the extent possible, the duties of the
 7 state building code council in section 107-24, as they
 8 relate to the development of energy conservation
 9 codes."

10 SECTION 2. Section 225P-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 11 repealed.

12 [~~§225P-4 Greenhouse gas sequestration task force.~~ (a)
 13 ~~The greenhouse gas sequestration task force is established~~
 14 ~~within the office of planning and sustainable development for~~
 15 ~~administrative purposes only. The task force shall have the~~
 16 ~~following objectives:~~

17 ~~(1) Work with public and private stakeholders to establish~~
 18 ~~a baseline for greenhouse gas emissions within Hawaii~~
 19 ~~and short- and long-term benchmarks for increasing~~
 20 ~~greenhouse gas sequestration in the State's~~
 21 ~~agricultural and natural environment;~~



- 1 ~~(2) Identify appropriate criteria to measure baseline~~
2 ~~levels and increases in greenhouse gas sequestration,~~
3 ~~improvements in soil health, increases in agricultural~~
4 ~~and aquacultural product yield and quality~~
5 ~~attributable to greenhouse gas sequestration and~~
6 ~~improvements in soil health, and other key indicators~~
7 ~~of greenhouse gas benefits from beneficial~~
8 ~~agricultural and aquacultural practices that may be~~
9 ~~used to create a certification program for promoting~~
10 ~~agricultural and aquacultural practices that generate~~
11 ~~greenhouse gas benefits and agricultural and~~
12 ~~aquacultural production benefits;~~
- 13 ~~(3) Identify land and marine use policies, agricultural~~
14 ~~policies, agroforestry policies, and mitigation~~
15 ~~options that would encourage agricultural and~~
16 ~~aquacultural practices and land use practices that~~
17 ~~would promote increased greenhouse gas sequestration,~~
18 ~~build healthy soils, and provide greenhouse gas~~
19 ~~benefits;~~
- 20 ~~(4) Identify ways to increase the generation and use of~~
21 ~~compost in Hawaii to build healthy soils;~~



1 ~~(5) Identify practices and policies that add trees or~~
2 ~~vegetation to expand the urban tree canopy in urban~~
3 ~~areas to reduce ambient temperatures, increase climate~~
4 ~~resiliency, and improve greenhouse gas sequestration~~
5 ~~in Hawaii; and~~

6 ~~(6) Make recommendations to the legislature and governor~~
7 ~~regarding measures that would increase climate~~
8 ~~resiliency, build healthy soils, provide greenhouse~~
9 ~~gas benefits, or cool urban areas.~~

10 ~~(b) In addition to the objectives listed in subsection~~
11 ~~(a), the task force may consider:~~

12 ~~(1) Developing incentives and funding mechanisms for these~~
13 ~~incentives, including but not limited to:~~

14 ~~(A) Loans, tax credits, or grants;~~

15 ~~(B) Research;~~

16 ~~(C) Technical assistance; or~~

17 ~~(D) Educational materials and outreach, to~~
18 ~~participating agricultural activities,~~
19 ~~aquacultural activities, or on-farm demonstration~~
20 ~~projects that are identified and approved by the~~
21 ~~task force as those that would promote greenhouse~~



1 ~~gas benefits, build healthy soils, sequester~~
2 ~~carbon, increase water-holding capacity, and~~
3 ~~increase crop yields; and~~

4 ~~(2) Providing for research, education, and technical~~
5 ~~support for agricultural activities and aquacultural~~
6 ~~activities identified by the task force.~~

7 ~~(c) The membership of the greenhouse gas sequestration~~
8 ~~task force shall be as follows:~~

9 ~~(1) The director of the office of planning and sustainable~~
10 ~~development or the director's designee, who shall~~
11 ~~serve as chairperson;~~

12 ~~(2) The chairperson of the board of agriculture or the~~
13 ~~chairperson's designee;~~

14 ~~(3) The chairperson of the board of land and natural~~
15 ~~resources or the chairperson's designee;~~

16 ~~(4) The director of transportation or the director's~~
17 ~~designee;~~

18 ~~(5) The deputy director of the department of health's~~
19 ~~environmental health administration or the deputy~~
20 ~~director's designee;~~

21 ~~(6) The state sustainability coordinator;~~



- 1 ~~(7) The director of the environmental law program at the~~
2 ~~University of Hawaii at Manoa William S. Richardson~~
3 ~~school of law;~~
- 4 ~~(8) The administrator of the division of forestry and~~
5 ~~wildlife within the department of land and natural~~
6 ~~resources or the administrator's designee;~~
- 7 ~~(9) One member who is also a member of the climate change~~
8 ~~mitigation and adaptation commission;~~
- 9 ~~(10) One researcher from the college of tropical~~
10 ~~agriculture and human resources at the University of~~
11 ~~Hawaii at Manoa;~~
- 12 ~~(11) One extension agent from the college of tropical~~
13 ~~agriculture and human resources at the University of~~
14 ~~Hawaii at Manoa;~~
- 15 ~~(12) Four members, one each to be appointed by the~~
16 ~~respective mayors of the city and county of Honolulu,~~
17 ~~and the counties of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui; and~~
- 18 ~~(13) Four members to be jointly selected and invited to~~
19 ~~participate by the president of the senate and the~~
20 ~~speaker of the house of representatives, of which two~~
21 ~~members shall be selected from an environmental~~



1 ~~nonprofit organization, and two members shall be~~
2 ~~selected from an agricultural or ranching association.~~

3 ~~Task force members may recommend to the task force~~
4 ~~additional members with appropriate specialized expertise,~~
5 ~~subject to approval by the chairperson.~~

6 ~~(d) Members of the task force shall be nominated and~~
7 ~~appointed pursuant to, and subject to section 26-34 and shall~~
8 ~~serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for~~
9 ~~reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their~~
10 ~~duties, including travel expenses.~~

11 ~~(e) The greenhouse gas sequestration task force shall:~~

12 ~~(1) Submit a preliminary report of its findings and~~
13 ~~recommendations, including any proposed legislation,~~
14 ~~to the legislature and the climate change mitigation~~
15 ~~and adaptation commission no later than twenty days~~
16 ~~prior to the convening of the regular session of 2023;~~
17 ~~provided that the preliminary report shall discuss the~~
18 ~~objectives and issues listed in subsections (a) and~~

19 ~~(b), including the following:~~

20 ~~(A) Types of agricultural and aquacultural practices,~~
21 ~~public land and marine use policies, and on-farm~~



1 ~~managing practices that would provide greenhouse~~
2 ~~gas benefits and result in tangible economic~~
3 ~~benefits to agricultural and aquacultural~~
4 ~~operations;~~
5 ~~(B) Short-term and long-term benchmarks that would~~
6 ~~indicate how effectively agricultural and~~
7 ~~aquacultural activities have been helping the~~
8 ~~State to reach greenhouse gas neutrality;~~
9 ~~(C) Appropriate criteria that may be used in a~~
10 ~~certification program to measure baseline levels~~
11 ~~and increases in carbon sequestration,~~
12 ~~improvements in soil health, and other key~~
13 ~~indicators of greenhouse gas benefits from~~
14 ~~beneficial agricultural and aquacultural~~
15 ~~practices;~~
16 ~~(D) Types of incentives, grants, research, and~~
17 ~~assistance that would promote:~~
18 ~~(i) Agricultural and aquacultural practices to~~
19 ~~produce greenhouse gas benefits; and~~
20 ~~(ii) Land and marine use policies and~~
21 ~~agricultural policies that would encourage~~



1 ~~agricultural, aquacultural, and land use~~
 2 ~~practices to provide greenhouse gas benefits~~
 3 ~~and result in tangible economic benefits to~~
 4 ~~agricultural and aquacultural operations;~~
 5 ~~and~~

6 ~~(E) Practices and policies that add trees or~~
 7 ~~vegetation to expand the urban tree canopy in~~
 8 ~~urban areas to reduce ambient temperatures and~~
 9 ~~increase climate resiliency and improve~~
 10 ~~greenhouse gas sequestration in Hawaii; and~~

11 ~~(2) Beginning with the regular session of 2024, submit an~~
 12 ~~annual report of its findings and recommendations,~~
 13 ~~including any proposed legislation, to the legislature~~
 14 ~~and the climate change mitigation and adaptation~~
 15 ~~commission no later than twenty days prior to the~~
 16 ~~convening of each regular session.~~

17 ~~(f) The office of planning and sustainable development~~
 18 ~~shall provide administrative and clerical support required by~~
 19 ~~the task force."]~~

20 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 21 and stricken.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Report Title:

Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force; Repeal

Description:

Repeals the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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