
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION.

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 I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:
4 "§196- Geothermal resources characterization program.
5 (a) The Hawaii state energy office shall conduct a statewide
6 environmental assessment for a geothermal resources
7 characterization program under the direction of the Hawaii
8 groundwater and geothermal resources center at the university of
9 Hawaii that identifies the location and characteristics of
10 underground geothermal resources across the State. In
11 accordance with the statewide environmental assessment, the
12 Hawaii state energy office shall administer the geothermal
13 resources characterization program under the direction of the
14 Hawaii groundwater and geothermal resources center at the
15 university of Hawaii.
16 (b) Before and during the environmental assessment and
17 geothermal resources characterization program, the Hawaii state



1 energy office, supported by the Hawaii groundwater and
2 geothermal resources center, shall engage with the counties and
3 nearby communities, including individuals and civic
4 organizations, in order to understand community needs,
5 priorities, and concerns with regard to the program."

6 SECTION 2. In accordance with section 9 of article VII, of
7 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
8 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
9 that the appropriation contained in this Act will cause the
10 state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025
11 to be exceeded by \$, or per cent. The reasons
12 for exceeding the general fund expenditure ceiling are that the
13 appropriation made in this Act is necessary to serve the public
14 interest and to meet the need provided for by this Act.

15 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
18 the purposes of this Act.

19 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii state
20 energy office for the purposes of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



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Report Title:

Hawaii State Energy Office; Geothermal Energy; Geothermal Resources Characterization Program; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Requires and appropriates funds for the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a geothermal resources characterization program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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