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

10           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to amend those  
11 sections to clarify the reporting requirements of the chief  
12 energy officer of the Hawaii state energy office.

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

15           "(c) The [~~department of business, economic development,~~  
16 ~~and tourism~~] chief energy officer shall submit a report to the  
17 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."



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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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# S.B. NO. 2537

**Report Title:**

Chief Energy Officer; Report

**Description:**

Clarifies the reporting requirements of the Chief Energy Officer to the Legislature.

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