HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. ²⁷⁹⁸ H.D. 1

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 protection of 2 the State's natural environment is of paramount importance. Act 246, Session Laws of Hawaii 1974, established environmental 3 4 requirements for certain types of projects. Subsequently, the 5 legislature passed Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, which 6 amended the law regarding environmental requirements to include 7 power-generating facilities. However, Act 55 limited affected 8 power-generating facilities to those that generate electricity 9 using fossil fuel. After the passage of Act 55, further 10 research determined that the combustion of any type of fuel 11 creates air pollution that harms the natural environment and 12 human health. Therefore, addressing all types of fuel 13 combustion, rather than solely fossil fuel combustion, will 14 further protect the State's natural resources and overall public 15 health.



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



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Report Title:

Environmental Impact Assessments; Power-generating Facilities; Combustion; Electricity

Description:

Amends the types of proposed power-generating facilities that trigger an environmental assessment to include new combustion electricity-generating facilities operating commercially after 1/1/2024 that were not previously operational and certain expansions in generating capacity of existing combustion electricity-generating facilities. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

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