
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding three new sections to part IV to be
3 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

4 "**§196-A Solar energy storage system loan program.** (a)

5 There is established a solar energy storage system loan program,
6 which shall be administered by the authority, to provide low-
7 interest loans to asset limited, income constrained, employed
8 households for the purchase and installation of residential
9 solar energy storage systems. For the purposes of this section,
10 "asset limited, income constrained, employed household" means a
11 household that earns above the federal poverty level, but not
12 enough to afford basic household necessities.

13 (b) The authority may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
14 to carry out the functions, powers, and duties identified in
15 section 196-64.

16 "**§196-B Renewable energy system installation loan program.**

17 (a) There is established a renewable energy system installation



1 loan program, which shall be administered by the authority, to
2 provide low-interest loans to households with an income of up to
3 one hundred forty per cent of the area median income for the
4 purchase and installation of residential photovoltaic and energy
5 storage systems, including battery storage systems.

6 (b) The authority may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
7 to carry out the functions, powers, and duties identified in
8 section 196-64.

9 **§196-C Solar energy system special fund.** (a) There is
10 established in the state treasury the solar energy system
11 special fund, into which shall be deposited:

- 12 (1) Appropriations made by the legislature for deposit
13 into the fund;
14 (2) Contributions from public or private partners; and
15 (3) All interest earned on or accrued to moneys deposited
16 in the special fund.

17 (b) Moneys in the solar energy system special fund shall
18 be expended by the authority for the solar energy storage system
19 loan program pursuant to section 196-A and renewable energy
20 system installation loan program pursuant to section 196-B."



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000,000 or so
3 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be
4 deposited into the solar energy system special fund established
5 pursuant to section 196-C, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the solar energy
7 system special fund established pursuant to section 196-C,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the sum of \$200,000,000 or so much
9 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the
10 solar energy storage system loan program established pursuant to
11 section 196-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and renewable energy
12 system installation loan program pursuant to section 196-B,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes.

14 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii green
15 infrastructure authority for the purposes of this Act.

16 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
17 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
18 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
19 the new sections in this Act.

20 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

21 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.



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Report Title:

Renewable Energy; Loan Program; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Residential Photovoltaic; Energy Storage Systems; Special Fund; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes and appropriates funds for a solar energy storage system loan program to provide asset limited, income constrained, employed households with low-interest loans to purchase and install solar energy storage systems. Establishes and appropriates funds for a renewable energy system installation loan program to provide low- and moderate-income families with low-interest loans to purchase and install residential photovoltaic and energy storage systems, including battery storage systems.

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