

# S.B. NO. 1341

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY INFORMATION REPORTING.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 486J-5.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "**§486J-5.5 Energy data collection program.** The department  
4 shall establish the energy data collection program that includes  
5 development and maintenance of an energy database system that  
6 meets the requirements of government and industry, while  
7 promoting sound policy making, greenhouse gas emission inventory  
8 reporting, energy planning, energy assurance planning, [and]  
9 energy security[-], critical infrastructure protection, and  
10 emergency management, response, and recovery."

11           SECTION 2. Section 486J-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

13           "(c) Unless otherwise provided by law, with respect to  
14 data that the commission or department obtained or was provided  
15 pursuant to this chapter, neither the commission or department  
16 nor any employee of the commission or department may do any of  
17 the following:

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- 1           (1) Use the information furnished or obtained for any
- 2                   purpose other than the purposes for which it is
- 3                   supplied;
- 4           (2) Make any publication whereby the data furnished by any
- 5                   person can be identified; or
- 6           (3) Permit any person other than the commission, the
- 7                   department of taxation, the attorney general, the
- 8                   consumer advocate, the department of business,
- 9                   economic development, and tourism, the department of
- 10                  health, the Hawaii emergency management agency, the
- 11                  office of homeland security, and the authorized
- 12                  representatives and employees of each to examine the
- 13                  individual reports or statements provided."

14           SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
15 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

16           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 

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**Report Title:**

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Energy Data Collection Program; HIEMA; OHS; Critical Infrastructure Protection; Emergency Management

**Description:**

Adds the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security to the list of agencies that may examine the energy industry information statements submitted pursuant to section 486J-3, HRS. Adds the promotion of emergency management and critical infrastructure protection as relevant purposes of the Energy Data Collection Program.

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## JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Business, Economic Development and Tourism

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY  
INDUSTRY INFORMATION REPORTING.

PURPOSE: To add the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Hawaii Office of Homeland Security to the list of agencies that may examine the energy industry information statements submitted pursuant to section 486J-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). Adds the promotion of emergency management and critical infrastructure protection as relevant purposes of the Energy Data Collection Program.

MEANS: Amend sections 486J-5.5 and 486J-6(c), HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: To enhance the effectiveness of the Energy Data Collection Program and foster a more comprehensive approach to energy management and emergency preparedness, the bill expands the scope of the program to include emergency management and critical infrastructure protection. Authorizing the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Homeland Security to examine individual energy industry reports or statements will facilitate improved coordination and response during emergencies, enable more effective preemptive protection of critical energy infrastructure, and support the development of a holistic energy common operating picture essential for sound policymaking, greenhouse gas emission inventory reporting, and energy assurance planning.

Impact on the public: Minimum to no impact on the public. Any impacts would be positive in that the State's emergency management framework would obtain better situational awareness to inform any response or recovery activity.

Impact on the department and other agencies:  
Allows for energy industry information to be shared between relevant agencies to bolster coordination on critical lines of efforts. Agencies would have to take steps not limited to having individual staff members complete a Qualified Person Protective Agreement to ensure the safe handling and protection of this information.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM  
DESIGNATION: BED-120.

OTHER AFFECTED  
AGENCIES: Hawaii Emergency Management Agency; Office of Homeland Security; Public Utilities Commission

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.