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Wendy F. Hensel
President

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December 22, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, the University of Hawai'i is transmitting one copy of the Annual Report on Net-Zero Energy for the University of Hawai'i (Section 304A-119, Hawai'i Revised Statutes) as requested by the Legislature.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, this report may be viewed electronically at: https://www.hawaii.edu/govrel/docs/reports/2026/hrs304a-119_2026_net-zero_annual-report_508.pdf.

Should you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Kim at (808) 956-4250, or via e-mail at scskim@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wendy F. Hensel'.

Wendy F. Hensel
President

Enclosure

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2026 LEGISLATURE

Annual Report on Net-Zero Energy for
the University of Hawai'i

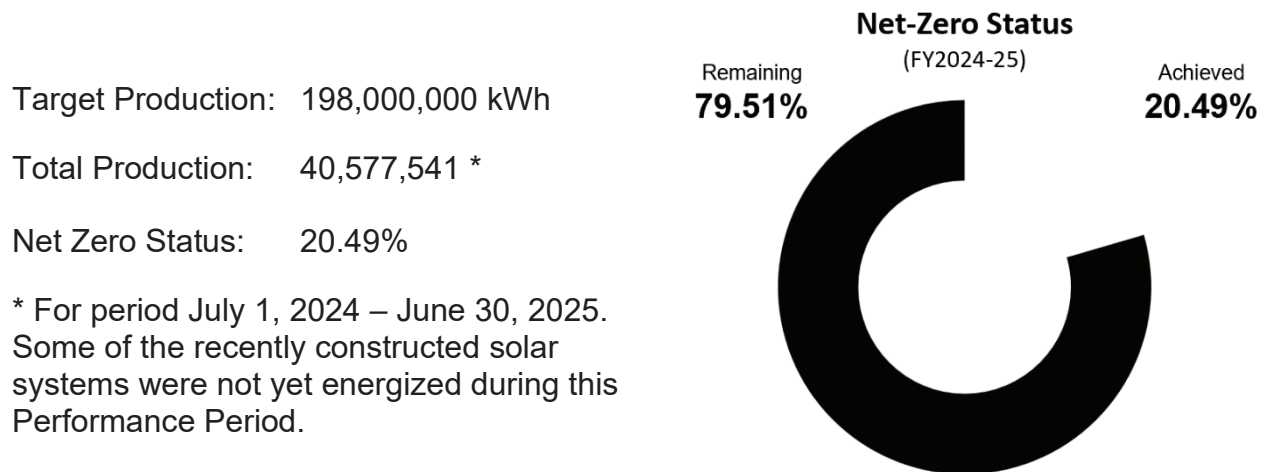
HRS 304A-119

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**Report to the Hawai'i State Legislature
Pursuant to Act 99, SLH 2015
HRS 304A-119**

In 2015, The governor signed into law Act 99 (SLH 2015) which established a collective goal for the University of Hawai'i *"to become net-zero with respect to energy use, producing as much (renewable) energy as the system consumes across all campuses by January 1, 2035."*

This report details progress toward the Net-Zero energy goal of 198M kWh established in 2015 and supports proposed legislation that helps shape the energy landscape for the University of Hawai'i System in the 2026 legislative session.



PLANS

- (a) Refine the strategic energy plan and the energy resource plan for the University that balances generation from a renewable portfolio and improves energy efficiency.
- (b) Continue to improve metering and sub-metering to provide detailed energy tracking.
- (c) Continue to install and track energy efficient equipment including: lighting, HVAC equipment, office equipment, and lab equipment.
- (d) Maximize development of PV and other renewable generation.
- (e) Expand energy storage capacity to optimize utility demand and increase resiliency.
- (f) Capture utility savings and reinvest them via Green Revolving Funds.
- (g) Require new construction and major renovations to strive for LEED gold at a minimum, and aim for Net Zero.
- (h) Require that designs for life cycle cost analysis include construction and operation of a building, including increased utility and maintenance costs.