
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. Section 225P-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

4 "(a) Considering both atmospheric carbon and greenhouse
5 gas emissions as well as offsets from the local sequestration of
6 atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases through long-term sinks
7 and reservoirs, a statewide target ~~[is hereby]~~ shall be
8 established to ~~[sequester more]~~:

9 (1) No later than 2050, sequester at least seventy per
10 cent of emitted atmospheric carbon and greenhouse
11 gases than emitted within the State [as quickly as
12 practicable, but no later than 2045]; and

13 (2) No later than 2075, sequester more atmospheric carbon
14 and greenhouse gases than emitted within the State;
15 provided that the statewide target ~~[includes]~~ shall include a
16 greenhouse gas emissions limit, to be achieved no later than



1 2030, of at least fifty per cent below the level of the
2 statewide greenhouse gas emissions in 2005."

PART II

4 SECTION 2. Section 225P-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§225P-5 Zero emissions clean economy target. (a)

7 Considering both atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gas emissions
8 as well as offsets from the local sequestration of atmospheric
9 carbon and greenhouse gases through long-term sinks and
10 reservoirs, a statewide target ~~is hereby~~ shall be established
11 to sequester more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gases than
12 emitted within the State as quickly as practicable, but no later
13 than 2045; provided that the statewide target ~~includes~~ shall
14 include a greenhouse gas emissions limit, to be achieved no
15 later than 2030, of at least fifty per cent below the level of
16 the statewide greenhouse gas emissions in 2005.

17 (b) The Hawaii climate change mitigation and adaptation
18 commission shall endeavor to achieve the goals of this section.
19 After January 1, 2020, agency plans, decisions, and strategies
20 shall give consideration to the impact of those plans,
21 decisions, and strategies on the State's ability to achieve the



1 goals in this section, weighed appropriately against their
2 primary purpose.

3 (c) This section shall not apply to the department of
4 transportation or to any transportation system or service."

5 PART III

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Climate Change; Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target; Atmospheric Carbon and Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Transportation

Description:

Part I: Extends the Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target to 2075 and establishes an interim target of seventy per cent for 2050.

Part II: Maintains the existing Zero Emissions Clean Economy Target but exempts the Department of Transportation and transportation systems and services from the target.

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