
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the original Hawaii
2 clean energy initiative framework, adopted in 2008, established
3 the goal that, by 2030, seventy per cent of energy generation in
4 the State should come from renewable energy resources. The
5 seventy per cent goal was based on a state estimate that sixty
6 to seventy per cent of future energy needs could be fulfilled by
7 local, clean, renewable energy resources. Since that time, the
8 State's renewable portfolio standards have been amended to
9 provide that, by December 31, 2045, one hundred per cent of net
10 electricity generation should come from renewable energy
11 resources.

12 The legislature further finds that, although the State has
13 made progress under the current framework, reaching
14 approximately thirty to thirty-five per cent renewable energy
15 generation statewide as of 2025, it remains far from meeting the
16 one hundred per cent mandate by 2045. The legislature believes
17 that as an isolated island electricity grid, Hawaii must



1 prioritize energy security, reliability, and affordability, and
2 return to realistic implementation timelines to reach the
3 State's clean energy goals.

4 The legislature recognizes the necessity of restoring a
5 balanced and achievable clean energy policy for Hawaii that
6 acknowledges infrastructure limitations, the continued need for
7 firm and dispatchable energy generation, and the importance of
8 diversified energy resources, while avoiding strict mandates
9 that risk higher costs for ratepayers, may cause grid
10 instability and may lead to the State's overreliance on unproven
11 or insufficiently scaled technologies.

12 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to repeal the one
13 hundred per cent renewable energy mandate and restore the
14 State's renewable portfolio standard cap to seventy per cent by
15 2045.

16 SECTION 2. Section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18 "(a) Each electric utility company that sells electricity
19 for consumption in the State shall establish a renewable
20 portfolio standard of:



- (1) Ten per cent of its net electricity sales by December 31, 2010;
- (2) Fifteen per cent of its net electricity sales by December 31, 2015;
- (3) Thirty per cent of its net electricity sales by December 31, 2020;
- (4) Forty per cent of its net electricity generation by December 31, 2030; and
- (5) Seventy per cent of its net electricity generation by December 31, [2040; and
- (6) ~~One hundred per cent of its net electricity generation by December 31, 2045.] 2045.~~

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Description:

Replaces the State's renewable portfolio standard of 100 per cent renewable energy generation by 2045 with the original mandate for 70 per cent by 12/31/2045.

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