

ACT 136

H.B. NO. 2166-78

A Bill for an Act Relating to Energy Resources.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 196-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 196-3 Energy resources coordinator. The director of planning and economic development shall serve as energy resources coordinator.”

SECTION 2. Section 196-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

“Sec. 196-4 Powers and duties. Subject to the approval of the governor, the coordinator shall:

- (1) Formulate plans, including objectives, criteria to measure accomplishment of objectives, programs through which the objectives are to be attained, and financial requirements for the optimum development of Hawaii's energy resources;
- (2) Conduct systematic analysis of existing and proposed energy resource programs, evaluate the analysis conducted by government agencies and other organizations and recommend to the governor and to the legislature programs which represent the most effective allocation of resources for the development of energy sources;

- (3) Formulate and recommend specific proposals, as necessary, for conserving energy and fuel, including the allocation and distribution thereof, to the governor and to the legislature;
- (4) Assist public and private agencies in implementing energy conservation and related measures;
- (5) Coordinate the State's energy conservation and allocation programs with that of the federal government, other state governments, governments of nations with interest in common energy resources, and the political subdivisions of the State;
- (6) Develop programs to encourage private and public exploration and research of alternative energy resources which will benefit the State;
- (7) Conduct public education programs to inform the public of the energy situation as may exist from time to time and of the government actions taken thereto;
- (8) Serve as consultant to the governor, public agencies and private industry on matters related to the acquisition, utilization and conservation of energy resources;
- (9) Contract for services when required for implementation of this chapter;
- (10) Review proposed state actions which he finds to have significant effect on energy consumption and report to the governor their effect on the energy conservation program, and perform such other services as may be required by the governor and the legislature;
- (11) Prepare and submit an annual report and such other reports as may be requested to the governor and to the legislature on the implementation of this chapter and all matters related to energy resources; and
- (12) Adopt rules for the administration of this chapter pursuant to Chapter 91, provided that the rules shall be submitted to the legislature for review."

SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring.*

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

(Approved May 30, 1978.)

*Edited accordingly.