

ACT 193

S.B. NO. 2001

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Public Land Trust.

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

SECTION 1. Section 226-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) To further achieve the energy objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to:

- (1) Support research and development as well as promote the use of renewable energy sources;
- (2) Ensure that the combination of energy supplies and energy-saving systems is sufficient to support the demands of growth;
- (3) Base decisions of least-cost supply-side and demand-side energy resource options on a comparison of their total costs and benefits when a least-cost is determined by a reasonably comprehensive, quantitative, and qualitative accounting of their long-term, direct and indirect economic, environmental, social, cultural, and public health costs and benefits;
- (4) Promote all cost-effective conservation of power and fuel supplies through measures, including:

- (A) Development of cost-effective demand-side management programs;
 - (B) Education; and
 - (C) Adoption of energy-efficient practices and technologies;
- (5) Ensure, to the extent that new supply-side resources are needed, that the development or expansion of energy systems uses the least-cost energy supply option and maximizes efficient technologies;
 - (6) Support research, development, demonstration, and use of energy efficiency, load management, and other demand-side management programs, practices, and technologies;
 - (7) Promote alternate fuels and transportation energy efficiency;
 - (8) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester greenhouse gases in utility, transportation, and industrial sector applications;
 - (9) Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions through agriculture and forestry initiatives; ~~and~~
 - (10) Provide priority handling and processing for all state and county permits required for renewable energy projects[-]; and
 - (11) Promote the development of indigenous geothermal energy resources that are located on public trust land as an affordable and reliable source of firm power for Hawaii."

SECTION 2. There shall be consultation and public input from the Native Hawaiian community and the general public when developing projects with public land trust lands.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

(Approved June 29, 2012.)