

ACT 98

H.B. NO. 1296

A Bill for an Act Relating to Energy.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 206M, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“§206M- **Hydrogen implementation coordinator.** (a) The director of the Hawaii center for advanced transportation technologies of the development corporation shall serve as the state hydrogen implementation coordinator.

(b) The state hydrogen implementation coordinator, under the delegated authority of the energy resources coordinator, shall facilitate the establishment of infrastructure and policies across all agencies of the State to promote the expansion of hydrogen-based energy in Hawaii.”

SECTION 2. (a) There is established the hydrogen implementation working group, which shall be convened by the state hydrogen implementation coordinator and attached to the high technology development corporation for administrative purposes. The state hydrogen implementation coordinator shall serve as chairperson of the hydrogen implementation working group.

(b) The working group shall consist of:

- (1) The state hydrogen implementation coordinator;
- (2) Representatives of federal, state, and county agencies, as appropriate;
- (3) Industry stakeholders; and
- (4) Other persons, as deemed appropriate by the state hydrogen implementation coordinator.

(c) No member of the working group shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member’s participation as a member of the working group.

(d) The working group shall study and examine methods to promote the expansion of hydrogen-based energy in Hawaii.

(e) The state hydrogen implementation coordinator shall submit a report of the working group’s findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature by November 30, 2015.

(f) The members of the working group shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties.

(g) The working group shall cease to exist on July 1, 2030.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.¹

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

(Approved June 8, 2015.)

Note

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.