

ACT 15

H.B. NO. 1041

A Bill for an Act Relating to Reporting by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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

SECTION 1. Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, is amended by amending section 7, to read as follows:

“SECTION 7. Not less than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2010 [~~and every fifth regular session following the regular session of 2010,~~] the greenhouse gas emission reduction task force shall submit to the legislature a copy of its work plan and proposed regulatory scheme, along with any proposed legislation, [~~and any five-year update to the work plan and proposed regulatory scheme,~~] for achieving the maximum practically and technically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from sources or categories of sources of greenhouse gases.”

SECTION 2. Section 304A-1893.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The initial evaluation shall be conducted beginning July 1, 2017, and every three years thereafter by a two-person panel of independent energy and environmental technical experts who shall be appointed by [~~the director of business, economic development, and tourism and who shall not be affiliated with the Hawaii natural energy institute,~~] the University of Hawaii office of the vice president for research and innovation. The panel shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations of each evaluation to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the following regular session. The Hawaii natural energy institute shall cooperate with and provide support to the evaluation panel.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved April 27, 2017.)