

Senate Energy Bills – Highlights 2011

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Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative
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Signed into Law

- **SB 704** (Act 9 on 4/25/11)
 - Exempts certain third party owners and operators of on-site renewable energy systems from regulation as public utilities by the PUC.
- **SB 1346** (Act 10 on 4/25/11)
 - Amends definition of "renewable electrical energy" to include, customer-sited, grid-connected renewable energy generation, beginning 1/1/15.

Still Alive (Final Reading on 5/03/11)

- **SB 146**

- Requires the energy resources coordinator to conduct a study and issue a preliminary and final report on the conditions and policies necessary to expand biofuel production in the State to displace a significant amount of petroleum-based liquid fuel. Report to 2012 and 2013 legislature.

- **SB 181**

- Establishes a working group to study the feasibility of requiring all new single-family residential construction to incorporate design elements and minimum equipment installation at the time of construction to facilitate the future adoption of a photovoltaic system.

Still Alive (Final Reading on 5/03/11)

- **SB 631**
 - Increases, with certain limitations, the areas within agricultural lands in which solar energy facilities may be constructed.
- **SB 1244**
 - Modifies the renewable energy facility siting process to include biofuel production facilities and distribution infrastructure with capacity to produce or distribute one hundred thousand gallons or more of biofuel annually.

Still Alive (Final Reading on 5/03/11)

- **SB 1347**
 - Requires the PUC to begin to accept filings and applications in paper form and electronically no later than July 1, 2011, and to accept either paper or electronic documents no later than July 1, 2013; authorizes an electric utility company and its subsidiaries to use an automatic rate adjustment clause to meet revenue requirements when aggregating renewable portfolios to meet renewable portfolio standards.
- **SB 1482**
 - Allows the PUC to consider the benefits of capital improvements for renewable energy and energy efficiency despite the short-term expense. Requires the PUC to consider the need to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels.

Died in Conference

- **SB 367**
 - Establishes a regulatory structure for the installation and implementation of an interisland high voltage electric transmission cable system and for the construction of on-island transmission infrastructure. Effective July 1, 2030.