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## *Hawaii State Policy on Energy*

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The Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, (i.e. Hawaii State Law), contains the following:

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### **226-18 Objectives and policies for facility systems - energy.**

(a) Planning for the State's facility systems with regard to energy shall be directed toward the achievement of the following objectives, giving due consideration to all:

1. Dependable, efficient, and economical statewide energy systems capable of supporting the needs of the people;
2. Increased energy self-sufficiency where the ratio of indigenous to imported energy use is increased; and
3. Greater energy security in the face of threats to Hawaii's energy supplies and systems.
4. Reduction, avoidance, or sequestration of greenhouse gas emissions from energy supply and use.

(b) To achieve the energy objectives, it shall be the policy of this State to ensure the provision of adequate, reasonably priced, and dependable energy services to accommodate demand.

(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 are 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, the development or expansion of energy systems utilizes the least-cost energy supply option and maximizes efficient technologies;
  6. Support research, development, and demonstration of energy efficiency, load management, and other demand-side management programs, practices, and technologies; and
  7. Promote alternate fuels and energy efficiency by encouraging diversification of transportation modes and infrastructure;
  8. Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester greenhouse gases in utility, transportation, and industrial sector applications; and
  9. Support actions that reduce, avoid, or sequester Hawaii's greenhouse gas emissions through agriculture and forestry initiatives.
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Go to Hawaii Revised Statutes:

[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol04\\_Ch0201-0257/HRS0226/HRS\\_0226-0018.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol04_Ch0201-0257/HRS0226/HRS_0226-0018.htm)

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