S.B. NO. ¹³⁷⁵ S.D. 1

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

| 1 | SECTION 1. To improve the State's energy security, and to |
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| 2 | reduce the State's dependence on foreign oil and benefit the |
| 3 | environment, the legislature finds that the public utilities |
| 4 | commission should be allowed to consider the need for renewable |
| 5 | energy in exercising its authority to regulate public utility |
| 6 | companies. The purpose of this Act is to clarify that the |
| 7 | public utilities commission shall consider the need for |
| 8 | increased renewable energy use in exercising its jurisdiction |
| 9 | under chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes. |
| 10 | SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is |
| 11 | amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated |
| 12 | and to read as follows: |
| 13 | "§269- Consideration of renewable energy. The public |
| 14 | utilities commission shall consider the need for increased |
| 15 | renewable energy use in exercising its authority and duties |
| 16 | under this chapter." |
| 17 | SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. |

18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 2007-1630 SB1375 SD1 SMA.doc Report Title: Renewable Energy; Increased Use; Public Utilities Commission

Description: Requires the public utilities commission to consider the need for increased renewable energy use. (SD1)

