

# **Climate Change Statutes**

#### STATE OF HAWAII

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## § 342B-71. Statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, adoption

A statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit to be achieved by 2020 is hereby established that is equal to or below the level of the statewide greenhouse gas emissions in 1990, as determined by section 3 of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007; provided that for the purposes of this Act greenhouse gas emissions from airplanes shall not be included.

#### § 342B-72. Greenhouse gas emissions limits; rules

- (a) Before December 31, 2011, the director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91:
  - (1) Establishing greenhouse gas emission limits applicable to sources or categories of sources, to be achieved by January 1, 2020, and establishing emission reduction measures to achieve the maximum practically and technically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in furtherance of achieving the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit; and
  - (2) Requiring the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance with this part,

to become operative beginning on January 1, 2012.

- (b) The director, to the extent feasible to achieve the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 and this section based upon the recommendations and findings of the work plan created pursuant to section 6 of Act 234, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007.
- (c) Any rule adopted by the director pursuant to this section shall ensure all of the following:
  - (1) The greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved are real, permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable by the director; and
  - (2) If applicable, the greenhouse gas emission reduction occurs over the same time period and is equivalent in amount to any direct emission reduction required pursuant to this part.
- (d) The director shall periodically review and update state emission reporting requirements and endeavor to make the requirements consistent with the requirements of international, federal, and other states' greenhouse gas emission reporting programs, as necessary.
- (e) After January 1, 2012, the director may revise rules adopted pursuant to this section and adopt additional rules to further this part.

## § 342B-73. Schedule of fees; establishment

The director may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 that specify a schedule of fees to be paid by the sources of greenhouse gas emissions regulated pursuant to this part. The revenues collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the clean air special fund established under section 342B-32 to be used for the purposes thereof.