REPORT TO THE 2022 LEGISLATURE

Annual Report on Net-Zero Energy for the University of Hawai‘i

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In 2015, The governor signed into law Act 99, SLH 2015, which established a collective goal for the University of Hawai‘i “to become net-zero with respect to energy use, producing as much (renewable) energy as the system consumes across all campuses by January 1, 2035.”

This report details progress toward the Net-Zero energy goal of 198M kWh established in 2015 and supports proposed legislation that helps shape the energy landscape for the University of Hawai‘i System in the 2022 legislative session.

**Target Production**: 198,000,000 kWh

**Total Production**: 14,013,967 *

**Net Zero Status**: 7.08%

* For the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Note that some of the recently constructed solar systems were not yet energized during this period.

**PLANS**

(a) Refine the strategic energy and energy resource plans for the University that balance generation from a renewable portfolio and improve energy efficiency.

(b) Continue to improve metering and sub-metering to provide detailed energy tracking.

(c) Continue to install and track energy efficient equipment including: lighting, HVAC equipment, office equipment, and lab equipment.

(d) Maximize development of PV and other renewable generation.

(e) Expand energy storage capacity to optimize utility demand and increase resiliency.

(f) Capture utility savings and reinvest them via Green Revolving Funds.

(g) Require new construction and major renovations to strive for LEED gold at a minimum, and aim for Net Zero.

(h) Require that designs for life cycle cost analysis include construction and operation of a building, including increased utility and maintenance costs.