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As the state prepares to unveil a major transportation energy report in June, the Hawaii Energy Office is beginning to reach out to stakeholders about setting up another policy initiative, this one to accelerate the move toward renewable energy.

Energy Office administrator [Mark Glick](#) told PBN that the initiative will include the necessary steps to get to 100 percent renewable energy.

The state [set an initial goal](#) in 2008 as part of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative to reach 70 percent clean energy by 2030 — 40 percent from renewable sources and 30 percent from efficiency measures. Now, it is reaching higher.

Glick told PBN recently that the state’s new renewable-energy goal is to achieve 30 percent renewable energy by 2020 and 60 percent by 2030, although a Senate committee has amended the benchmark to 40 percent.

“We are now setting these aspirational targets, but between now and then, what do we need to do to update



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Mark Glick, administrator for the state Energy Office

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that?" he asked. "That's going to be a very vigorous effort that emerges after the [state legislative session]."

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The report scheduled to be released in June will address the state's transportation energy issues with more than 50 strategies, including an effort to significantly reduce gas and diesel usage.

The transportation sector accounts for more than 60 percent of the energy consumed in Hawaii.

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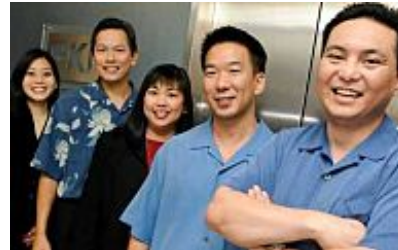
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