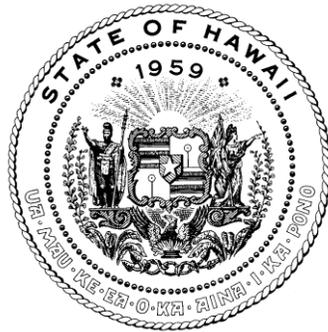


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STATUS OF GEOHERMAL AND CABLE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
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This report is prepared pursuant to Sections 182-18 and 196D-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and covers the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Section 182-18, HRS – Geothermal Royalties

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015, a total of \$1,785,695.15 in geothermal royalties was received from Puna Geothermal Venture (PGV). In accordance with statutory provisions, \$535,708.55 (30%) was distributed to the County of Hawaii. Additionally, \$357,139.03 (20%) was distributed to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Geothermal royalties for FY 2014-2015 were based on power production and sale of 216,218,595 kWh_e to Hawaii Electric Light Company (HELCO) at an average production of 24.7 MW_e.

Issued Permit(s)

Over the course of FY 2014-2015, PGV completed maintenance, repair and modification work on two wells, while also completing a new well. In addition the work that PGV has undertaken, the University of Hawaii was also issued an exploration permit to investigate the geothermal resources on Hualalai using a non-invasive geophysical measurements.

Section 196D-11, HRS - Geothermal and Cable System Development

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for the effective management of geothermal resources and its development, to protect the health and safety of the public and to ensure the continued viability of the resource for the future. Currently, the Island of Hawaii is the only island benefiting from geothermal development. Power generation from geothermal energy began in May 1993 and, on average, annually provides more than 20% of the Island's power demands.

No program work was performed during the FY to effectuate the intent of this statute regarding an interisland deep water electrical transmission cable system.