

# Hawaii

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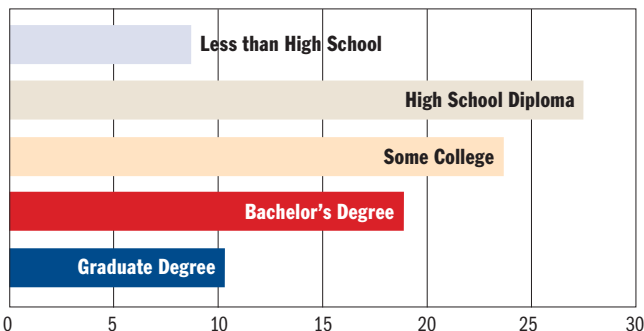
**“We are removing unnecessary barriers to allow a greater segment of our community to invest in and benefit from renewable energy. These bills also improve the efficiency of the industry’s registration and reporting process, while encouraging greater openness and expanding protections for our local communities.”** — Gov. Neil Abercrombie, upon enacting four measures related to energy on July 3, 2013

**Governor: Neil Abercrombie (D)** [dbedt.hawaii.gov](http://dbedt.hawaii.gov)

**Right-to-work state: No**

**Population 2013:** 1,394,174 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018:** 4.74% **Median household income:** \$70,578 **Median age:** 38.4

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Rankings that Matter

<b>GDP</b> .....	38 (\$61,877*)
<b>Business Tax Climate</b> .....	30
<b>Small Business Policy</b> .....	46
<b>Career Readiness Certificates</b> .....	46 (148)
<b>High School Graduation</b> .....	44
<b>Health</b> .....	1

\* Real GDP in US millions

## Legislative Update

- HB811 simplifies the registration and reporting process for fuel distributors. The bill also amends Public Utilities Commission (PUC) responsibilities and powers in relation to energy industry information reporting and allows the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism to receive energy industry information.
- SB19 removes barriers for landlords to invest in renewable energy and allows renters/tenants to benefit from lower energy costs.
- HB1149 requires a wind energy facility owner to be responsible for facility decommissioning and provide evidence of financial security unless the owner has an existing lease or other agreement that provides for decommissioning.