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- Ten Point Plan - Point #4:
 - Maintain Policies and Regulations to Encourage Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resources
- Ten Point Plan - Point #5:
 - Preserve Regulatory Protections



Point # 4 Maintain Policies and Regulations

- Goal: Ensure policies and regulation, including state statutes, county ordinance, county and state administrative rules, case law and agency decisions and orders are consistent in promoting efficiency and renewable energy resources.



Point # 4 Maintain Policies and Regulations

- Action: Commission a methodical study of existing Hawaii laws, policies and practices to determine obstacles and opportunities to encourage and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy resources.



Point #5 Preserve Regulatory Protections

- Goal: Ensure policies, reforms and resources to support the PUC and DCA in progressive and aggressive efforts to protect the public's interest and implement the state's energy policies.

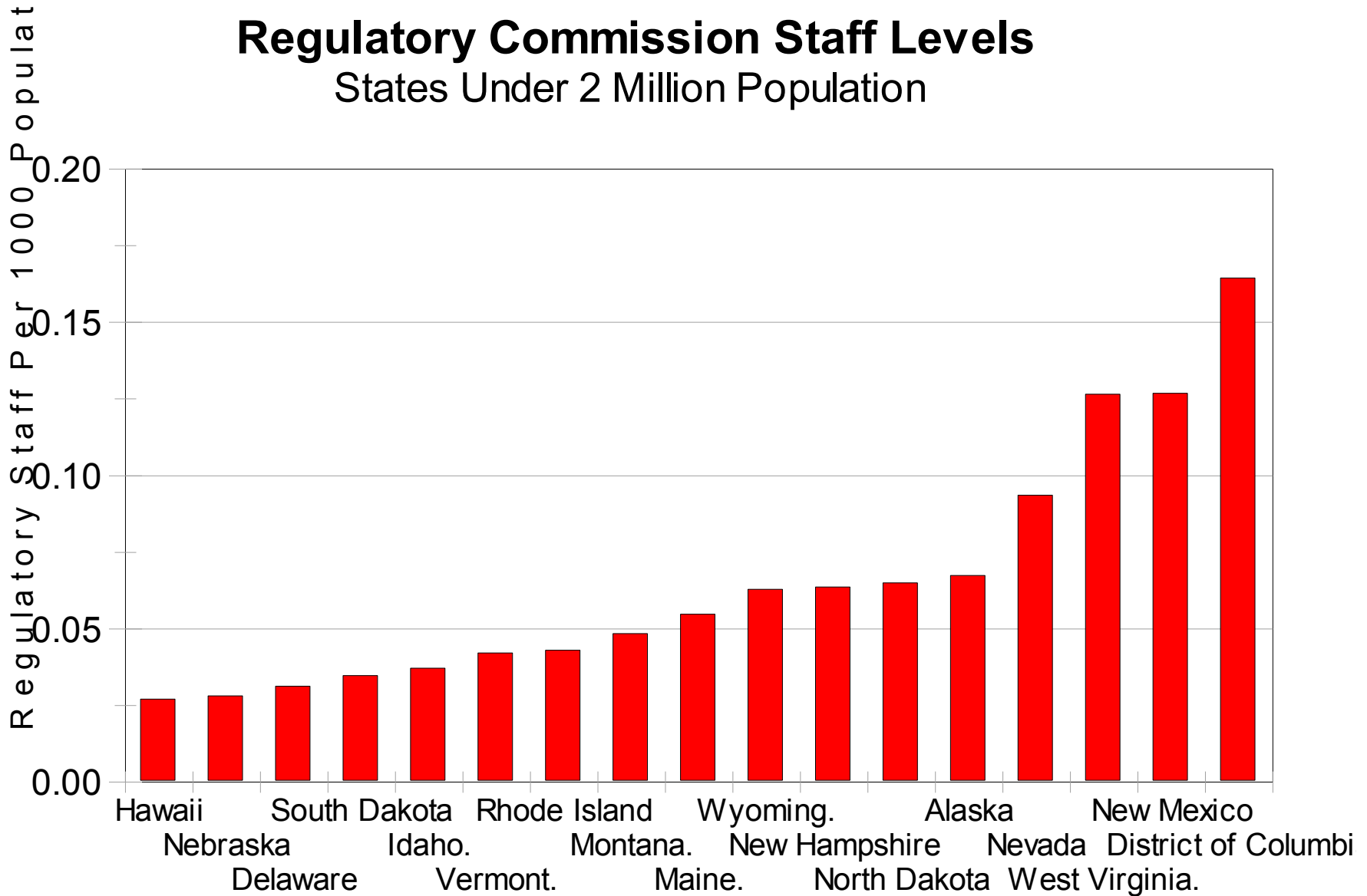


Agency Capability is Essential

- Agencies provide crucial functions necessary for sound energy policy implementation.
 - PUC is the “Gatekeeper” regulating over \$2.5 Billion of utility revenues per year.
 - Existing and proposed energy statutes all fundamentally rely on the PUC and DCA to ensure effective, reasonable and fair policy implementation.



Regulatory Commission Staff Levels States Under 2 Million Population





Act 143 - Session Laws 2006

- Requires PUC and DCA to
 - Conduct in-depth review of agency organization
 - Develop a comprehensive restructuring plan
 - Submit report to the 2007 Legislature
- PUC and DCA have both filed reports recommending agency reorganization.



Forum Consensus Position

- The HEPF encourages the Hawaii State Administration and Legislature to provide sufficient resources and personnel support for the PUC and DCA to **successfully recruit and retain qualified staff** to provide the unique nexus of technical, economic, policy and legal expertise necessary for enlightened energy regulation.



Forum Consensus Position

- The Forum supports reorganization of the Hawaii PUC and DCA as required by the 2006 Hawaii Legislature to provide sufficient staff positions with modernized job descriptions, classifications and salaries commensurate with the agencies' unique personnel needs.



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This Concludes the Presentation by
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