## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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1	SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2	renewable energy facility siting process for state and county
3	permits necessary for the siting, development, construction, and
4	operation of a renewable energy facility.
5	SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
6	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
7	as follows:
8	"CHAPTER
9	RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY SITING PROCESS
9 10	RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY SITING PROCESS  5 -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the
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10 11	§ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
10 11 12	<pre>\$ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:  "County agency" means a department, division, office,</pre>
10 11 12 13	<pre>\$ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:    "County agency" means a department, division, office, officer, agency, or other organization of a county government,</pre>
10 11 12 13 14	<pre>\$ -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:     "County agency" means a department, division, office, officer, agency, or other organization of a county government, including a county council.</pre>

by a county agency pursuant to federal, state, or county law.

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1	"Del	egate	ed environmental permit" means an air or water
2	quality p	ermit	subject to issuance by the department of health
3	under aut	horit	y delegated by the United States Environmental
4	Protectio	n Age	ency.
5	"Ene	rgy r	esources coordinator" or "coordinator" means the
6	energy re	sourc	es coordinator as designated in section 196-3.
7	"Per	mit":	
8	(1)	Mean	s any approval, no matter the nomenclature,
9		nece	essary for the siting, development, construction,
10		or c	peration of a renewable energy facility; except
11		that	the term shall not include:
12		(A)	Acceptance by an accepting authority of an
13			environmental impact statement on a facility;
14		(B)	Issuance by a county agency of a building or
15			grading permit; or
16		(C)	Approval by the public utilities commission of a
17			power purchase agreement between a renewable
18			energy facility and a public utility; and
19	(2)	Incl	udes:
20		(A)	A state land use reclassification;
21		(B)	A county development, community, or community
22			development plan amendment;

1	(C	) A county zoning map amendment;
2	(D	A state conservation district use permit;
3	(E	A state special permit for an agricultural or
4		rural district;
5	(F	) A special management area permit;
6	(G	) A shoreline setback variance; and
7	(H	) A grant of an easement on state or county real
8		property.
9	"Power	purchase agreement" means an agreement between a
10	renewable en	ergy facility owner and a public utility on the sale
11	of electrici	ty produced by the facility to the public utility.
12	"Renewal	ble energy" has the same meaning as defined under
13	section 269-	91.
14	"Renewal	ble energy facility" or "facility" means a facility
15	located in the	he state with the capacity to produce from renewable
16	energy at lea	ast two hundred megawatts of electricity. The term
17	includes any	of the following associated with the facility:
18	(1) The	e land parcel on which the facility is situated;
19	(2) Ang	y renewable energy production structure or
20	eq	uipment;
21	(3) Ang	y energy transmission line from the facility to a
22	pul	blic utility's electricity distribution system;

- Any on-site infrastructure; and 1 (4)2 Any on-site building, structure, other improvement, or (5) equipment necessary for the production of electricity 3 or biofuel from the renewable energy site, 4 5 transmission of the electricity or biofuel, or any 6 accommodation for employees of the facility. "State agency" means a department, division, office, 7 agency, or other organization of the state government, but not 8 9 the legislature. 10 "State law" means a state constitutional provision, 11 statute, or administrative rule. "State permit" means a permit that is subject to the 12 approval of a state agency pursuant to federal or state law; 13 14 except that the term does not include a delegated environmental 15 permit. -2 Renewable energy facility siting process staff. 16 17 The energy resources coordinator may employ and dismiss staff without regard to chapters 76 and 89 to assist the coordinator
- be entitled to participate in any public employee benefit 21

in the implementation of this chapter. The salary of each staff

member shall be set by the coordinator. Each staff member shall

22 program plan or privilege.

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1	The coordinator may also contract persons to assist the
2	coordinator in the implementation of this chapter.
3	§ -3 General duties of the coordinator. The coordinator
4	shall:
5	(1) Accept a consolidated application, in a form as the
6	coordinator shall prescribe, for the approval of the
7	siting, development, construction, and operation of a
8	renewable energy facility;
9	(2) Identify all state and county permits necessary for
10	approval of the renewable energy facility;
11	(3) Gather from the applicant any information the
12	coordinator finds relevant and necessary to review,
13	process, and make a decision on the permit
14	application; and
15	(4) Work with other federal, state, and county agencies
16	and the applicant to determine the terms and
17	conditions of the permits that are necessary to
18	effectuate this chapter and to protect the public
19	health and safety and promote the general welfare.
20	§ -4 Consolidated application; fee; pre-application
21	conference; public notice of receipt of application. (a) The
22	coordinator shall establish a consolidated application and

- 1 require the applicant to pay a fee with the consolidated
- 2 application. The coordinator shall set the fee at an amount
- 3 sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of the coordinator,
- 4 coordinator's staff and contractor, and relevant state and
- 5 county agencies to provide input and advice on the state and
- 6 county permits necessary for the facility. Upon collection of
- 7 the fee or periodically thereafter, the coordinator shall
- 8 transmit to each relevant state or county agency the portion of
- 9 the fee that reflects the cost to that state or county agency
- 10 for providing its input and advice.
- 11 (b) Before accepting a consolidated application, the
- 12 coordinator may hold a pre-application conference with the
- 13 prospective applicant to discuss all the state and county
- 14 permits necessary for the facility and notify the prospective
- 15 applicant of the information that must be submitted with the
- 16 consolidated application.
- (c) Within ten days of receipt of a consolidated
- 18 application, the coordinator shall publish public notice of the
- 19 receipt of the application in a statewide publication. The
- 20 public notice shall include:
- 21 (1) The name of the applicant;

- 1 (2)The location of the proposed renewable energy 2 facility; 3 A summarized description of the facility; (3)4 (4)The state and county permits required for the 5 facility; and 6 (5) Any other information deemed necessary or desirable by 7 the coordinator. 8 -5 Approval of state permits. (a) When the coordinator receives an application for a renewable energy 9 10 facility that requires state permits, the coordinator, after 11 consultation with relevant federal, state, and county agencies, 12 shall determine the terms and conditions to be imposed on the 13 state permits to protect the public health and safety and 14 promote the general welfare. The terms and conditions may 15 require the applicant to improve off-site infrastructure or 16 establish measures to mitigate significant adverse environmental 17 effects. The coordinator shall make the determination for all terms 18 and conditions of all required state permits no later than sixty 19 20 days after the public has been informed pursuant to section 21 343-3 of the acceptance of the final environmental impact statement for the facility; provided that, if an approval of a 22
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- 1 federal permit or delegated environmental permit is a
- 2 prerequisite to the approval of a state permit required for the
- 3 facility, the coordinator shall not make any determination until
- 4 the federal permit or delegated environmental permit is
- 5 approved.
- 6 (b) Upon determining the necessary terms and conditions
- 7 under subsection (a), the coordinator, on behalf of the relevant
- 8 state agencies, shall approve the state permits with those terms
- 9 and conditions. The approval shall take effect on the sixty-
- 10 first day after the public has been informed pursuant to section
- 11 343-3 of the acceptance of the final environmental impact
- 12 statement for the facility. If, however, a judicial proceeding
- 13 has been timely initiated under section 343-7(c) regarding the
- 14 acceptance of the statement, the state permits shall be subject
- 15 to the order entered with the final judicial decision on the
- 16 dispute. The coordinator may publish the coordinator's approval
- 17 of all state permits in one consolidated document.
- 18 If a statement of finding is required by state law as a
- 19 condition for approval of a state permit, the coordinator shall
- 20 issue the statement to accompany the permit. For the purpose of
- 21 this chapter, a statement of finding shall be deemed a
- "condition" of the state permit.



- 1 (c) Notwithstanding the approval of a state permit by the
- 2 coordinator, the state agency on whose behalf the permit was
- 3 approved shall be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the
- 4 terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5 S -6 Recommendation for approval of county permits;
- 6 approval of county permits. (a) When the coordinator receives
- 7 an application for a renewable energy facility that requires
- 8 county permits, the coordinator, after consultation with
- 9 relevant federal, state, and county agencies, shall determine
- 10 the terms and conditions to be imposed on the county permits to
- 11 protect the public health and safety and promote the general
- 12 welfare. The terms and conditions may require the applicant to
- 13 improve off-site infrastructure or establish measures to
- 14 mitigate significant adverse environmental effects.
- 15 The coordinator shall make the determination for all county
- 16 permits at the same time the determination is made for state
- 17 permits under section -5.
- 18 (b) Upon determining the necessary terms and conditions
- 19 under subsection (a), the coordinator shall recommend to the
- 20 relevant county agencies that they approve the county permits
- 21 with those terms and conditions.

- 1 If a statement of findings is required by county law as a
- 2 condition for approval of a particular county permit, the
- 3 coordinator shall issue the statement to accompany the permit.
- 4 For the purpose of this chapter, a statement of findings shall
- 5 be deemed a "condition" of the county permit.
- 6 (c) Within forty-five days of receipt of the
- 7 recommendation from the coordinator, each relevant county agency
- 8 may approve the county permit under its jurisdiction with the
- 9 terms and conditions recommended by the coordinator or amended
- 10 by the county agency. The county agency may charge the
- 11 applicant a fee for reviewing and acting on the permit.
- 12 (d) If, within forty-five days of receipt of a
- 13 recommendation from the coordinator, a county agency does not
- 14 approve the county permit, either because of rejection or
- 15 inaction, the permit with the terms and conditions recommended
- 16 by the coordinator shall be deemed approved on the forty-sixth
- 17 day without necessity of further action by the county agency or
- 18 coordinator.
- 19 (e) If, within the forty-five-day period, the county
- 20 agency approves the county permit, but with amendments to any of
- 21 the terms and conditions recommended by the coordinator, the
- 22 county agency shall notify the coordinator within three days of



- 1 the approval. If the notification is not provided to the
- 2 coordinator within the three-day period, the county agency shall
- 3 be deemed to have not approved the permit within the forty-five-
- 4 day period, and the permit shall be deemed approved with the
- 5 recommended terms and conditions in accordance with subsection
- 6 (d).
- 7 The coordinator shall have ten days after receipt of the
- 8 notification from the county agency to determine whether to
- 9 accept or reject the amended terms and conditions of the county
- 10 permit. If the coordinator accepts all amended terms and
- 11 conditions, the coordinator shall approve the county permit with
- 12 the amended terms and conditions. If the coordinator rejects
- 13 all or some of the amended terms and conditions, the coordinator
- 14 shall approve the county permit with terms and conditions that
- 15 exclude the rejected amendments. The coordinator shall issue
- 16 the decision in writing. If the coordinator does not issue a
- 17 written decision within the ten-day period, the county permit
- 18 with terms and conditions as amended by the county agency shall
- 19 be deemed approved on the eleventh day without necessity of
- 20 further action by the county agency or coordinator.
- 21 (f) Notwithstanding the action by the coordinator on a
- 22 county permit approved pursuant to this section, the relevant



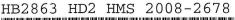


- 1 county agency shall be responsible for monitoring and enforcing
- 2 the terms and conditions of the permit.
- 3 § -7 Coordination with federal permits and delegated
- 4 environmental permits. (a) The coordinator shall establish and
- 5 implement a system to coordinate the approval of required
- 6 federal permits with state and county permits for a renewable
- 7 energy facility. The system shall include a process for
- 8 coordinating the federal environmental impact statement process
- 9 with the state environmental impact statement process.
- 10 (b) The coordinator also shall establish and implement a
- 11 system to coordinate the issuance of delegated environmental
- 12 permits by the department of health with approval of state and
- 13 county permits for a renewable energy facility.
- 14 (c) The coordinator may convene interagency working groups
- 15 for the purpose of this section.
- 16 § -8 Public hearing by coordinator. (a) If a federal,
- 17 state, or county law requires a state or county agency to hold a
- 18 public hearing on a state or county permit application before
- 19 making a decision on the permit, the coordinator shall hold the
- 20 public hearing in place of the state or county agency; provided
- 21 that the state or county agency shall not be required to hold
- 22 the public hearing unless required to do so by federal law. To



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- 1 the extent practicable, the coordinator shall hold one
- 2 consolidated public hearing to cover all permit applications and
- 3 required public hearings.
- 4 (b) Nothing in this section shall prevent a county agency
- 5 from voluntarily holding a public hearing on a county permit
- 6 after the coordinator submits to the county agency a
- 7 recommendation on that permit pursuant to section -6. If a
- 8 county agency voluntarily holds a public hearing on a county
- 9 permit, it shall do so within the forty-five-day period provided
- 10 for review and action on the permit.
- 11 § -9 Land use, zoning, building, and construction status
- 12 of renewable energy facility; state and county permits. (a) A
- 13 renewable energy facility, all necessary state and county
- 14 permits for which have been approved under this chapter, shall
- 15 be deemed a permitted principal use on the land parcel upon
- 16 which it is situated. The land use commission, department of
- 17 land and natural resources, and the relevant county shall
- 18 appropriately revise any state land use district map and county
- 19 zoning map to reflect this status.
- 20 (b) The final plans and specifications of the renewable
- 21 energy facility, as set forth in the relevant state and county
- 22 permits approved pursuant to this chapter, shall be deemed to





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- 1 constitute the zoning, building, and construction standards for
- 2 the facility and the land parcel upon which it is situated.
- For the purpose of applicable state and county law:
- 4 (1) The facility shall be deemed a conforming use; and
- 5 (2) Any building or structure associated with or related
- 6 to a facility shall be deemed a conforming building or
- 7 structure.
- 8 (c) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit
- 9 the amendment of the state land use classification, county
- 10 zoning map, or other zoning, building, or construction standard
- 11 with respect to facilities approved under this chapter. Any
- 12 amendment, if made, shall be accomplished in accordance with
- 13 applicable state or county law; except that no amendment shall
- 14 remove the conforming status conferred under subsection (b) with
- 15 respect to any facility or any associated building or structure.
- 16 § -10 Environmental impact review process;
- 17 applicability. (a) Chapter 343 shall apply to any renewable
- 18 energy facility, a consolidated application for which is
- 19 submitted to the coordinator under this chapter.
- 20 (b) Nothing in this chapter or chapter 343 shall prohibit
- 21 the review and processing by the coordinator of applications for
- 22 permits for a renewable energy facility concurrently with the

- 1 preparation and processing by the applicant of an environmental
- 2 impact statement for the facility. To accomplish the concurrent
- 3 review, the coordinator may consent to the receipt and review of
- 4 portions of a draft of an environmental impact statement before
- 5 its completion.
- 6 § -11 Power purchase agreement; inapplicability of
- 7 chapter. A power purchase agreement between a renewable energy
- 8 facility and a public utility shall not be a "permit" subject to
- 9 approval by the coordinator. Any power purchase agreement shall
- 10 be subject to the applicable provisions of chapter 269.
- 11 § -12 Building or grading permit required from county.
- 12 A grading or building permit issued by the applicable county
- 13 shall be required to grade a site or construct a structure for a
- 14 renewable energy facility. The applicable county shall
- 15 establish an expedited process for review and issuance of all
- 16 required building or grading permits. Under the process, the
- 17 county may contract with a third party to conduct the review of
- 18 the permit application and require the applicant for the permit
- 19 to pay the cost incurred for the third party review.
- 20 § -13 Judicial review of dispute regarding approved
- 21 permit; inapplicability of contested case procedures. Any
- 22 person aggrieved by the approval of a state or county permit or



- 1 term or condition of any approved permit may file an action for
- 2 relief in the circuit court without regard to the contested case
- 3 procedures of chapter 91.
- 4 § -14 Inapplicability of maximum time period rule
- 5 requirement. Section 91-13.5 shall not apply to the
- 6 coordinator. The deadlines for review and action upon a
- 7 consolidated application for a renewable energy facility shall
- 8 be subject to this chapter.
- 9 S -15 Rules. The coordinator may adopt interim rules to
- 10 implement this chapter without regard to the notice and public
- 11 hearing requirements of section 91-3 or the small business
- 12 impact review requirements of chapter 201M; provided that any
- 13 amendment of the interim rules shall be subject to chapters 91
- 14 and 201M.
- 15 § -16 Superiority of chapter over conflicting state or
- 16 county law. The provisions of this chapter shall supersede any
- 17 conflicting state or county law."
- 18 SECTION 3. Section 343-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 19 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
- 20 and to read as follows:
- 21 ""Renewable energy facility" has the same meaning as
- 22 defined in section -1."



1	SECTION 4. Section 91-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read as follows:
3	"§91-1 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:
4	[(1) "Agency" means each state or county board, commission,
5	department, or officer authorized by law to make rules
6	or to adjudicate contested cases, except those in the
7	legislative or judicial branches.
8	(2) "Persons" includes individuals, partnerships,
9	corporations, associations, or public or private
10	organizations of any character other than agencies.
11	(3) "Party" means each person or agency named or admitted
12	as a party, or properly seeking and entitled as of
13	right to be admitted as a party, in any court or
14	agency proceeding.
15	(4) "Rule" means each agency statement of general or
16	particular applicability and future effect that
17	implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy,
18	or describes the organization, procedure, or practice
19	requirements of any agency. The term does not include
20	regulations concerning only the internal management of
21	an agency and not affecting private rights of or
22	procedures available to the public, nor does the term

1	include declaratory rulings issued pursuant to section
2	91-8, nor intra-agency memoranda.
3	(5) "Contested case" means a proceeding in which the legal
4	rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties are
5	required by law to be determined after an opportunity
6	for agency hearing.
7	(6) "Agency hearing" refers only to such hearing held by
8	an agency immediately prior to a judicial review of a
9	contested case as provided in section 91-14.
10	"Agency" means each state or county board, commission,
11	department, or officer authorized by law to make rules or to
12	adjudicate contested cases, except those in the legislative or
13	judicial branches.
14	"Agency hearing" refers only to such hearing held by an
15	agency immediately prior to a judicial review of a contested
16	case as provided in section 91-14.
17	"Contested case" means a proceeding in which the legal
18	rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties are required
19	by law to be determined after an opportunity for agency hearing.
20	The term shall not include the review, processing, or approval
21	of state or county permits for any renewable energy facility
22	under chapter .

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    procedures available to the public, declaratory rulings issued
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    pursuant to section 91-8, and intra-agency memoranda."
         SECTION 5. Section 269-27.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
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    amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:
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               The public utilities commission may direct public
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    utilities that supply electricity to the public to arrange for
    the acquisition of, and to acquire, electricity generated from
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    nonfossil fuel sources, as is available from and [which] that
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    the producers [of same] are willing and able to make available
    to the public utilities, and to employ and dispatch the
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- 1 nonfossil fuel generated electricity in a manner consistent with
- 2 the availability thereof to maximize the reduction in
- 3 consumption of fossil fuels in the generation of electricity to
- 4 be provided to the public.
- 5 The public utilities commission shall expedite its review
- 6 of a petition for the approval of a power purchase agreement
- 7 between a public utility and renewable energy facility. Under
- 8 the expedited review process, the public utilities commission
- 9 shall set a deadline by which the public utilities commission
- 10 shall approve, approve with modification, or reject the power
- 11 purchase agreement. For purposes of this section, a "renewable
- 12 energy facility" has the same meaning as defined in section
- 13 1."
- 14 SECTION 6. Section 343-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 15 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
- 16 "(c) Whenever an applicant proposes an action specified by
- 17 subsection (a) that requires approval of an agency and that is
- 18 not a specific type of action declared exempt under section 343-
- 19 6, the agency initially receiving and agreeing to process the
- 20 request for approval shall prepare an environmental assessment
- 21 of the proposed action at the earliest practicable time to
- 22 determine whether an environmental impact statement shall be



1	required	·]; provided that, for an action that proposes the
2	establish	ment of a renewable energy facility, a draft
3	environme	ntal impact statement shall be prepared at the earliest
4	practicab	le time. The final approving agency for the request
5	for appro	val is not required to be the accepting authority.
6	For	environmental assessments for which a finding of no
7	significa	nt impact is anticipated:
8	(1)	A draft environmental assessment shall be made
9		available for public review and comment for a period
10		of thirty days;
11	(2)	The office shall inform the public of the availability
12		of the draft environmental assessment for public
13		review and comment pursuant to section 343-3; and
14	(3)	The applicant shall respond in writing to comments
15		received during the review, and the agency shall
16		prepare a final environmental assessment to determine
17		whether an environmental impact statement shall be
18	· v	required. A statement shall be required if the agency
19		finds that the proposed action may have a significant
20		effect on the environment.
21		The agency shall file notice of the agency's
22		determination with the office, which, in turn, shall

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              information pursuant to section 343-3.
         The draft and final statements, if required, shall be
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    prepared by the applicant, who shall file these statements with
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         The draft statement shall be made available for public
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         The applicant shall respond in writing to comments received
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    when requested by the applicant or agency, may make a
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    recommendation as to the acceptability of the final statement.
         The authority to accept a final statement shall rest with
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    the agency initially receiving and agreeing to process the
    request for approval. The final decision-making body or
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    approving agency for the request for approval is not required to
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    county in which the proposed action will occur shall be a
    permissible accepting authority for the final statement. For a
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- 1 renewable energy facility, the energy resources coordinator
- 2 under chapter shall be the accepting authority.
- 3 Acceptance of a required final statement shall be a
- 4 condition precedent to approval of the request and commencement
- 5 of the proposed action. Upon acceptance or nonacceptance of the
- 6 final statement, the agency shall file notice of such
- 7 determination with the office. The office, in turn, shall
- 8 publish the determination of acceptance or nonacceptance of the
- 9 final statement pursuant to section 343-3.
- 10 The agency receiving the request, within thirty days of
- 11 receipt of the final statement, shall notify the applicant and
- 12 the office of the acceptance or nonacceptance of the final
- 13 statement. The final statement shall be deemed to be accepted
- 14 if the agency fails to accept or not accept the final statement
- 15 within thirty days after receipt of the final statement;
- 16 provided that the thirty-day period may be extended at the
- 17 request of the applicant for a period not to exceed fifteen
- 18 days.
- 19 In any acceptance or nonacceptance, the agency shall
- 20 provide the applicant with the specific findings and reasons for
- 21 its determination. An applicant, within sixty days after
- 22 nonacceptance of a final statement by an agency, may appeal the

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- 1 nonacceptance to the environmental council, which, within thirty
- 2 days of receipt of the appeal, shall notify the applicant of the
- 3 council's determination. In any affirmation or reversal of an
- 4 appealed nonacceptance, the council shall provide the applicant
- 5 and agency with specific findings and reasons for its
- 6 determination. The agency shall abide by the council's
- 7 decision."
- 8 SECTION 7. Chapter 196D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 9 repealed.
- 10 SECTION 8. If a prospective developer of a renewable
- 11 energy facility has submitted an application for a state or
- 12 county permit necessary for the siting, development,
- 13 construction, or operation of the facility before July 1, 2008,
- 14 the prospective developer may:
- 15 (1) Request the relevant state or county agency to proceed
- with reviewing, processing, and acting upon the permit
- 17 application; or
- 18 (2) Withdraw the permit application and submit a
- 19 consolidated application to the energy resources
- 20 coordinator pursuant to chapter , Hawaii Revised
- 21 Statutes, in section 2 of this Act; provided that if
- the prospective developer chooses to submit a



1	consolidated application, the relevant state or county
2	agency shall transmit to the coordinator all documents
3	applicable to the withdrawn permit application, except
4	those that the agency finds are internal work products
5	that may expose the agency to liability if released.
6	If the prospective developer has submitted two or more
7	permit applications with state or county agencies before July 1,
8	2008, the prospective developer may select the action under
9	paragraph (1) for some applications and the action under
10	paragraph (2) for other applications.
11	A draft or final environmental impact statement under
12	preparation by a prospective developer for a state or county
13	permit application submitted before July 1, 2008, may be used
14	for a consolidated application submitted to the coordinator.
15	The prospective developer shall not be required to begin the
16	environmental impact statement process again if withdrawing the
17	permit application and submitting a consolidated application.
18	SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
19	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
20	thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for the
21	establishment and operation of the renewable energy facility
22	siting process established under this Act.

- 1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
- 2 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
- 3 this Act.
- 4 SECTION 10. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 11. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.

## Report Title:

Renewable Energy Facility Siting Process

## Description:

Establishes a renewable energy facility siting process to expedite the review and action upon state and county permits necessary for the siting, development, construction, and operation of a renewable energy facility. (HB2863 HD2)