

NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR

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July 1, 2014

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on July 1, 2014, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1942 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST WITH THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, LAND LEASES, AND OTHER TANGIBLE ASSETS FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT WITH ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI ACT 183 (14)

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor on \_\_\_\_JUL\_\_1\_2014 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2014 STATE OF HAWAII

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST WITH THE PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, LAND LEASES, AND OTHER TANGIBLE ASSETS FOR A RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT WITH ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGY ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that support for the
- 2 development of renewable energy projects in Hawaii, which is
- 3 geographically isolated from sources of oil, continues to be in
- 4 the public interest. This is especially true given the high
- 5 cost of electricity in Hawaii, particularly on the island of
- 6 Molokai.
- 7 The legislature further finds that Princeton Energy Group
- 8 is engaged in the planning, design, and construction process to
- 9 develop a multi-megawatt renewable energy project with energy
- 10 storage technology near Kaunakakai to exclusively serve the
- 11 island of Molokai.
- 12 The issuance of special purpose revenue bonds and refunding
- 13 special purpose revenue bonds under this Act to assist Princeton
- 14 Energy Group in the planning, design, and construction of its
- 15 renewable energy project will make the development of such a
- 16 project more economically feasible and provide numerous



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1	benefits.	Among other benefits, it is expected that such a
2	project will:	
3	(1)	Eliminate or greatly reduce the carbon footprint of
4		the island of Molokai;
5	(2)	Provide substantial energy cost savings to the
6		residents and businesses on the island of Molokai;
7	(3)	Stabilize the electrical grid on the island of
8		Molokai;
9	(4)	Extend the life of existing electrical equipment on
10		the island of Molokai;
11	(5)	Increase the robustness of electrical service on the
12		island of Molokai in the event of an emergency;
13	(6)	Generate millions of dollars in construction project
14		spending and also create long-term jobs on the island
15		of Molokai; and
16	(7)	Help the State, counties, and federal government meet
17		their goals to reduce their consumption of fossil
18		fuels and mandates for renewable energy.
19	The l	legislature finds and declares that the issuance of
20	special pu	rpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public
21	interest a	and for the public health, safety, and general welfare.

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- 1 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 2 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 3 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 4 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 in one
- 5 or more series, for the purpose of assisting Princeton Energy
- 6 Group, a Nevada limited liability company, or Princeton Energy
- 7 Group's related entity, Ikehu Molokai LLC, in financing and
- 8 refinancing the costs relating to the planning, designing,
- 9 construction, equipping, land leases, and other tangible assets
- 10 for a renewable energy project with energy storage technology.
- 11 The legislature hereby finds and determines that the
- 12 construction of a renewable energy project with energy storage
- 13 technology constitutes a project as defined in part V, chapter
- 14 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is
- 15 assistance to an industrial enterprise.
- 16 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 17 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 18 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 19 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 20 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.
- 21 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 22 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to

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- 1 June 30, 2019, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 2 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 3 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 4 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
- 5 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
- 6 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 7 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 8 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 9 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 10 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 11 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 12 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 13 authorized by this section.
- 14 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
- 15 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2019.
- 16 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

APPROVED this day of JUL , 2014

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