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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 201N, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "~~§201N-~~   Wind turbines; land use commission review.   (a)

5           In addition to any other permit, review, or prerequisite  
6 required under this chapter prior to the approval of a permit  
7 plan application for a wind turbine, the land use commission,  
8 pursuant to section 205-   , shall conduct an additional review  
9 of each permit plan application for a wind turbine that will:

10           (1) Generate greater than one hundred kilowatts of energy;

11           and

12           (2) Be located within three-quarters of a mile of any  
13 residential, school, hospital, or business property

14           line.

15           (b) This section shall not apply to permit plan  
16 applications for wind turbines that were approved before July 1,  
17 2015.



1        (c) As used in this section, "wind turbine" shall have the  
2 same meaning as in section 201N-31."

3        SECTION 2. Chapter 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6        "§205- Wind turbines; special review. (a) The land use  
7 commission, in coordination with the energy resources  
8 coordinator, shall review the permit plan application for any  
9 wind turbine subject to section 201N- . In its review, the  
10 land use commission, in coordination with the energy resources  
11 coordinator, shall consider:

- 12        (1) The potential impacts on the community in which the  
13 wind turbine is proposed to be located; and  
14        (2) How the permitted use or establishment of the wind  
15 turbine conforms to existing State and county land use  
16 policies.

17        (b) As used in this section, "wind turbine" shall have the  
18 same meaning as in section 201N-31."

19        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

20        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Wind Turbines; Buffer Zone; Permit Plan Application

**Description:**

Requires additional Land Use Commission review for permit plan applications for wind turbines with over 100 kilowatt capacity and located within three-quarters of a mile of residential, school, hospital, or business property lines. (HB1384 HD2)

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