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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 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and
3 to read as follows:

4 "PART . SOLAR HUI PROGRAM

5 §196-A Definitions. As used in this part, unless the
6 context otherwise requires:

7 "Authority" means the Hawaii green infrastructure authority
8 as established under section 196-63.

9 "Low- and moderate-income household" means a household with
10 income equal to or less than one hundred forty per cent of the
11 area median income as determined by the United States Department
12 of Housing and Urban Development.

13 "Solar energy system" means any identifiable facility,
14 equipment, apparatus, or the like that converts solar energy to
15 useful thermal or electrical energy for heating, cooling, or
16 reducing the use of other types of energy that are dependent on
17 fossil fuel for their generation.



1 **§196-B Solar hui program; fund manager.** (a) There is
2 established the solar hui program to be administered by the
3 authority. The solar hui program shall provide a multi-family
4 residential property owner the opportunity to invest in the
5 solar hui investment fund established pursuant to section 196-C.
6 Multi-family residential property owners who invest in the solar
7 hui investment fund under the solar hui program may be eligible
8 to receive:

9 (1) Any tax credit associated with the installation of a
10 solar energy system, subject to the requirements of
11 the tax credit; and

12 (2) Any income derived from:

13 (A) Repayment of a loan provided by the solar hui
14 investment fund; or

15 (B) Generation of energy from an energy project
16 entered into by the fund manager.

17 (b) There is established within the authority the position
18 of the solar hui program fund manager, which shall be a full-
19 time equivalent position exempt from chapter 76. The solar hui
20 program fund manager shall:



- 1 (1) Manage the solar hui program investment fund
- 2 established pursuant to section 196-C;
- 3 (2) Market the solar hui program to multi-family
- 4 residential property owners; and
- 5 (3) Select solar contractors for solar energy projects.
- 6 (c) The authority shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
- 7 to carry out the purposes of this part.

8 **§196-C Solar hui investment fund.** (a) There is

9 established the solar hui investment fund into which shall be

10 deposited the following:

- 11 (1) Appropriations by the legislature;
- 12 (2) Investments received from multi-family residential
- 13 property owners;
- 14 (3) All other money received for the fund from any other
- 15 source; and
- 16 (4) All income and interest earned or accrued on moneys
- 17 deposited into the fund.
- 18 (b) The solar hui investment fund may be used to:
- 19 (1) Provide low-interest loans to low- and moderate-income
- 20 households to install a solar energy system;
- 21 (2) Invest in solar energy projects;



- 1 (3) Pay administrative costs of the solar hui program; or
- 2 (4) Pay any other costs related to the solar hui program."

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for
6 the implementation of the solar hui program, including one-full
7 time equivalent (1.0 FTE) solar hui program fund manager
8 position.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii green
10 infrastructure authority for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
12 the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93,
13 Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that the
14 appropriations contained in H.B. No. , will cause the state
15 general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be
16 exceeded by \$ or per cent. In addition, the
17 appropriation contained in this Act will cause the general fund
18 expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further
19 exceeded by \$ or per cent. The combined total
20 amount of general fund appropriations contained in only these
21 two Acts will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling



1 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be exceeded by
2 \$ or per cent. The reasons for exceeding the
3 general fund expenditure ceiling are that:

- 4 (1) The appropriation made in this Act is necessary to
5 serve the public interest; and
6 (2) The appropriation made in this Act meets the needs
7 addressed by this Act.

8 SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
9 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
10 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
11 the new sections in this Act.

12 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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INTRODUCED BY:  _____



S.B. NO. 3235

Report Title:

Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Solar Hui Program; Solar Hui Investment Fund; Loans; Solar Energy Systems; Appropriation; Expenditure Ceiling

Description:

Establishes the solar hui program to allow multi-family residential property owners to invest into a solar hui investment fund to provide loans to low- and moderate-income households to install solar energy systems. Establishes the solar hui program fund manager position. Appropriates funds.

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