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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that with federal solar  
2 tax credits expiring ahead of schedule, households may seek  
3 alternative options to reduce energy costs. Portable "plug-in"  
4 solar power devices offer a more flexible option than  
5 traditional renewable energy installations to reduce energy  
6 costs, particularly for households in condominiums or other  
7 multi-unit properties.

8       Accordingly, the purpose of this act is to clarify the  
9 exemptions and requirements for the use of portable solar  
10 generation devices, and provide liability protections for  
11 electric utilities.

12       SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
14 to read as follows:

15               **"PART       PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICES"**

16       **§196-       Definitions.**   As used in this part:



1       "Portable solar generation device" means a moveable  
2 photovoltaic generation device that:

3       (1) Has a maximum power output of not more than one  
4 thousand two hundred watts;

5       (2) Is designed to be connected to a building's electrical  
6 system through a standard one hundred twenty volt  
7 alternating current outlet;

8       (3) Is intended primarily to offset part of the user's  
9 electricity consumption;

10       (4) Meets the standards of the most recent version of the  
11 National Electrical Code; and

12       (5) Is certified by Underwriters Laboratories or an  
13 equivalent nationally recognized testing laboratory.

14       **\$196-     Portable solar generation devices; exemptions;**  
15 **requirements.** (a) A portable solar generation device that  
16 meets the requirements of this part shall be:

17       (1) Exempt from interconnection requirements as described  
18 in section 269-142; and

19       (2) Not subject to net energy metering as described in  
20 part VI of chapter 269.



1        (b) A portable solar generation device shall include a  
2 device or feature that prevents the system from energizing the  
3 building's electrical system during a power outage.

4        (c) An electric utility:

5        (1) Shall not require a customer using a portable solar  
6 generation device to:

7        (A) Obtain the electric utility's approval before  
8 installing or using the system;

9        (B) Pay any fee or charge related to the system; or

10       (C) Install any additional controls or equipment  
11 beyond what is integrated into the system; and

12       (2) Shall not be liable for any damage or injury caused by  
13 a portable solar generation device."

14       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# S.B. NO. 2303

**Report Title:**

Renewable Energy; Portable Solar Generation Devices

**Description:**

Creates exemptions from interconnection requirements for portable solar generation devices. Establishes basic safety requirements for portable solar generation devices. Provides liability protections for electric utilities.

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