
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008,
2 established the renewable energy facility siting process to
3 expedite the processing and approval or denial of any permit
4 plan application for the siting, development, construction, and
5 operation of a renewable energy facility.

6 The purpose of this Act is to further expedite the process
7 and give the energy resources coordinator the necessary power
8 and authority to expedite the development of renewable energy
9 facilities, while still protecting the public's health, safety,
10 and welfare. Specifically, this Act:

- 11 (1) Reduces the time for processing and approving or
12 denying permits from twelve to six months after
13 acceptance of a complete application; and
- 14 (2) Automatically approves permit plan applications within
15 twelve months rather than eighteen months if either
16 the permitting agency fails to provide a report
17 identifying diligent measures that it has taken to
18 complete processing and take action on a permit plan



1 application or if no action is taken even with the
2 filing of a report.

3 SECTION 2. Section 201N-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by amending subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

5 "(f) The permit plan shall be designed to ensure that all
6 permits identified in the permit plan shall be processed and
7 either denied or approved no later than [~~twelve~~] six months
8 after the date that the project permit plan application is
9 accepted by the coordinator, subject to any extensions that may
10 be requested by the applicant.

11 (g) Each appropriate state and county agency shall
12 diligently endeavor to process and approve or deny any permit in
13 the permit plan no later than [~~twelve~~] six months after a
14 completed permit plan application is approved by the
15 coordinator. If a permit is not approved or denied within
16 [~~twelve~~] six months after approval of a completed permit plan
17 application, the permitting agency shall provide the coordinator
18 with a report identifying diligent measures that are being taken
19 by the agency to complete processing and take action as soon as
20 practicable. If a permitting agency fails to provide this
21 report [~~and~~] or if the permit has not been approved or denied
22 within [~~eighteen~~] twelve months following the approval of a



1 completed permit plan application by the coordinator, the permit
2 shall be deemed approved."

3 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Renewable Energy Facility

Description:

Shortens time within which a state or county agency may process and approve or deny any permit plan application for a renewable energy facility.

