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# 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.

11           SECTION 2. Section 201N-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

13           "(g) Each appropriate state and county agency shall  
14 diligently endeavor to process and approve or deny any permit in  
15 the permit plan no later than twelve months after a completed  
16 permit plan application is approved by the coordinator. If a  
17 permit is not approved or denied within twelve months after  
18 approval of a completed permit plan application, the permitting



1 agency, within thirty days following the end of the twelve-month  
2 period shall provide the coordinator with a report identifying  
3 diligent measures that are being taken by the agency to complete  
4 processing and take action as soon as practicable. If no  
5 further processing and action are reported by the permitting  
6 agency within five months, the coordinator may deem the permit  
7 approved. If a permitting agency fails to provide this report  
8 and if the permit has not been approved or denied within  
9 eighteen months following the approval of a completed permit  
10 plan application by the coordinator, the permit shall be deemed  
11 approved."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.



**Report Title:**

Renewable Energy Facility

**Description:**

Sets a time limit for the filing of the diligence report with the energy resources coordinator; allows the energy resources coordinator to deem a permit approved if no further action or processing is reported by the permitting agency within seventeen months of the completed application. (HB590 HD1)

