
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDING PERMITTING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Net zero energy buildings are designed to
2 consume net zero energy use and produce zero carbon emissions.
3 Currently, permits for net zero energy buildings are processed
4 in the same manner as for other buildings. However, unlike
5 other buildings, net zero energy buildings promote the growth of
6 energy efficiency and renewable energy in the State. Therefore,
7 expediting the permitting process for net zero energy buildings
8 would be a no-cost incentive for increasing the design and
9 construction of energy-efficient buildings in Hawaii.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 107, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
12 and to read as follows:

13 "§107- Net zero energy building design. Not later than
14 January 1, 2012, the council shall adopt rules implementing a
15 prescriptive design alternative for net zero energy buildings
16 that is equivalent to thirty-five per cent more energy efficient
17 than the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code, as
18 published by the International Code Council.



1 As used in this section, "net zero energy building" has the
2 same meaning as defined in section 196-2."

3 SECTION 3. Section 46-15.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
5 and to read as follows:

6 "Net zero energy building" has the same meaning as defined
7 in section 196-2."

8 SECTION 4. Section 46-19.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§46-19.4 **Priority permitting process for renewable**
11 **energy and net zero energy building projects.** [+] All agencies
12 shall provide priority handling and processing for all county
13 permits required for renewable energy and net zero energy
14 building projects.

15 For purposes of this section, "agencies" means any
16 executive department, independent commission, board, bureau,
17 office, or other establishment of a county, or any quasi-public
18 institution that is supported in whole or in part by county
19 funds."

20 SECTION 5. Section 196-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
21 amended to read as follows:



1 "~~+~~\$196-1.5 Priority permitting process for renewable
2 energy and net zero energy building projects. ~~+~~ All agencies
3 shall provide priority handling and processing for all state
4 permits required for renewable energy and net zero energy
5 building projects.

6 For purposes of this section, "agencies" means any
7 executive department, independent commission, board, bureau,
8 office, or other establishment of the State, or any quasi-public
9 institution that is supported in whole or in part by state
10 funds."

11 SECTION 6. Section 196-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
13 and to read as follows:

14 ""Net zero energy building" means a residential or
15 commercial building that is thirty-five per cent more energy
16 efficient than required under the 2006 International Energy
17 Conservation Code, as published by the International Code
18 Council. This efficiency may be met by either performance-based
19 or prescriptive-based design."

20 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
21 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

22 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Net Zero Energy Buildings; Permits

Description:

Requires priority state and county permitting for net zero net buildings. (HD1)

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