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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. Section 46-19.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

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

17 For purposes of this section, "agencies" means any
18 executive department, independent commission, board, bureau,



1 office, or other establishment of a county, or any quasi-public
2 institution that is supported in whole or in part by county
3 funds."

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

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

9 SECTION 4. Section 196-1.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 "[+]§196-1.5 **Priority permitting process for renewable**
12 **energy and net zero energy building projects.** [+] All agencies
13 shall provide priority handling and processing for all state
14 permits required for renewable energy and net zero energy
15 building projects.

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



1 SECTION 5. Section 196-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
3 and to read as follows:

4 ""Net zero energy building" means a building that consumes
5 zero net energy and produces zero carbon emissions."

6 SECTION 6. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Net Zero Energy Buildings; Permits

Description:

Requires priority state and county permitting for buildings that consume zero net energy and have no carbon emissions.

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