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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY DEVICES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 196-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Every private entity shall adopt rules by  
4 December 31, 2006, that provide for the placement of solar  
5 energy devices, and revise those rules as necessary by July 1,  
6 2011. The rules shall facilitate the placement of solar energy  
7 devices and shall not impose conditions or restrictions that  
8 render the device more than twenty-five per cent less efficient  
9 or increase the cost of installation, maintenance, and removal  
10 of the device by more than fifteen per cent. Notwithstanding  
11 these conditions or restrictions, the rules shall consider the  
12 impact of the device's reflectivity on the surrounding area  
13 within feet of the device. No private entity shall assess or  
14 charge any homeowner any fees or require an encumbrance on title  
15 for the placement of any solar energy device."

16 SECTION 2. Section 196-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:



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2 31, 2006, that provide for the placement of solar energy  
3 devices, and revise those rules as necessary by July 1, 2011.  
4 The rules shall facilitate the placement of solar energy devices  
5 and shall not impose conditions or restrictions that render the  
6 device more than twenty-five per cent less efficient or increase  
7 the cost of installation, maintenance, and removal of the device  
8 by more than fifteen per cent. Notwithstanding these conditions  
9 or restrictions, the rules shall consider the impact of the  
10 device's reflectivity on the surrounding area within       feet of  
11 the device. No private entity shall assess or charge any  
12 homeowner any fees [~~or require an encumbrance on title~~] for the  
13 placement of any solar energy device."

14           SECTION 3. Act 201, Session Laws of Hawaii 2010, is  
15 repealed.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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

18           SECTION 5. This Act, except section 2, shall take effect  
19 on July 1, 2012; provided that on June 30, 2015:



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- 1 (1) Section 1 of this Act shall be repealed; and
- 2 (2) Section 2 of this Act shall take effect.

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**Report Title:**

Solar Energy Devices; Homeowners Associations

**Description:**

Requires that the rules of a private homeowners association or entity consider solar energy devices' reflectivity on the surrounding area when adopting rules that facilitate the placement of solar energy devices.

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