A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ANAERGIA INC.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that support for the
- 2 development of renewable and efficient energy systems in the
- 3 State, which is geographically isolated from sources of oil,
- 4 continues to be in the public interest. Anaergia Inc. is a
- 5 global leader in offering sustainable solutions for the
- 6 generation of renewable energy and the conversion of waste to
- 7 resources.
- 8 Anaergia Inc. proposes to build, own, and operate a
- 9 material recovery facility to recover recyclable materials like
- 10 plastic, paper, and glass; an anaerobic digester to convert
- 11 organics like municipal sludge and food waste to renewable
- 12 natural gas and compost; and a facility to convert energy crops
- 13 into renewable natural gas or renewable electricity. These
- 14 facilities will contribute to the State's energy security,
- 15 reduce the carbon footprint by the equivalent of 33,000 cars,
- 16 reduce the State's municipal solid waste, put to use

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    approximately one thousand eight hundred acres of fallow lands,
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    and create up to sixty new jobs.
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         The legislature further finds that the benefits of the
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    development of such facilities include the following:
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              Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
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              Reduction of landfill waste streams;
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              Reduction of transportation and disposal costs;
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              Creation of local technical and semi-technical jobs;
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              Production of renewable energy for local communities,
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              which reduces Hawaii's net import of energy and
              increases Hawaii's domestic wealth, self-sufficiency,
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              and energy security;
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              Assistance to meet Hawaii's renewable energy goals;
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              Containment of dust clouds on fallow lands; and
              Alleviation of R-1 water reuse issues.
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         The legislature further finds that Anaergia Inc.'s work in
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    creating alternative energy for the State is an industrial
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    enterprise defined in part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
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    Statutes, and may be assisted through the issuance of special
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    purpose revenue bonds. The legislature finds and declares that
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    the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is
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- 1 in the public interest and for the public health, safety, and
- 2 general welfare.
- 3 The purpose of this Act is to issue special purpose revenue
- 4 bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. with the development of facilities
- 5 for renewable non-fossil fuel energy production on the island of
- 6 Maui.
- 7 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 8 Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
- 9 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
- 10 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000,000, in
- 11 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Anaergia Inc.,
- 12 or a partnership in which Anaergia Inc. is a general partner,
- 13 with the establishment of energy production, waste recovery, and
- 14 related facilities on the island of Maui. The electrical output
- 15 of these facilities shall be made available for use by members
- 16 of the general public by sale to electric utilities serving the
- 17 public.
- 18 The legislature hereby finds and determines that Anaergia
- 19 Inc.'s planning, design, and construction of a material recovery
- 20 facility, an anaerobic digester, and a facility to convert
- 21 energy crops into renewable natural gas or renewable electricity
- 22 constitute a project as defined in part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii



- 1 Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof is assistance to an
- 2 industrial enterprise.
- 3 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
- 4 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
- 5 shall be issued pursuant to part V, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
- 6 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
- 7 bonds to assist industrial enterprises.
- 8 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
- 9 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
- 10 June 30, 2019, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
- 11 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
- 12 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
- 13 in section 2 of this Act and to refund special purpose revenue
- 14 bonds authorized by this section, regardless of whether the
- 15 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
- 16 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
- 17 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
- 18 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
- 19 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
- 20 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
- 21 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
- 22 authorized by this section.



- 2 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2019.
- 3 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Anaergia Inc. with the development of facilities for renewable non-fossil fuel energy production in Maui.

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