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A BILL FOR AN ACT

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR
PACIFIC POWER GROUP, LLC, A UTILITY SERVING THE GENERAL
PUBLIC IN PROVIDING ELECTRIC ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that climate change and
2 its severe effects, erosion, and the collapsing of Oahu's north
3 shore shoreline impact the lives and livelihoods of Hawaii's
4 people. There is currently an increasing focus on reducing
5 harmful air emissions as a possible cause of greenhouse gases,
6 which impact climate change. Burning fossil fuels such as oil
7 and coal is known to contribute to climate change.

8 The legislature further finds that global fossil fuel
9 prices and concerns about energy security in Hawaii are the
10 impetus locally to acquire renewable resources as a source of
11 energy. Hawaii is extremely well-situated to harness strong
12 trade winds and abundant sunlight to provide renewable energy.

13 Pacific Power Group, LLC, has considerable experience in
14 installing renewable energy projects using special purpose
15 revenue bonds as a financing instrument.

16 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the issuance of
17 special purpose revenue bonds to Pacific Power Group, LLC.



1 The legislature finds and declares that the issuance of
2 special purpose revenue bonds under this Act is in the public
3 interest and for the public health, safety, and general welfare.

4 SECTION 2. Pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii
5 Revised Statutes, the department of budget and finance, with the
6 approval of the governor, is authorized to issue special purpose
7 revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$125,000,000, in
8 one or more series, for the purpose of assisting Pacific Power
9 Group, LLC, a utility serving the general public in providing
10 electric energy, to install renewable energy projects in Hawaii.
11 The legislature hereby finds and determines that the energy
12 projects constitute an energy project as defined in part VI,
13 chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the financing thereof
14 is assistance to a utility serving the general public in
15 providing electric energy, gas, or telecommunications.

16 SECTION 3. The special purpose revenue bonds and the
17 refunding special purpose revenue bonds issued under this Act
18 shall be issued pursuant to part VI, chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised
19 Statutes, relating to the power to issue special purpose revenue
20 bonds to assist utilities serving the general public in
21 providing electric energy, gas, or telecommunications.



1 SECTION 4. The department of budget and finance is
2 authorized, from time to time, including times subsequent to
3 June 30, 2019, to issue special purpose revenue bonds in
4 whatever principal amounts the department shall determine to be
5 necessary to refund the special purpose revenue bonds authorized
6 in section 2 and to refund special purpose revenue bonds
7 authorized in this section, regardless of whether the
8 outstanding special purpose revenue bonds or refunding special
9 purpose revenue bonds have matured or are the subject of
10 redemption or whether the refunding special purpose revenue
11 bonds shall be bonds for the multi-project programs described in
12 section 2. In making this determination, the department shall
13 comply with federal law relating to the exemption from federal
14 income taxation of the interest on bonds of the nature
15 authorized by this section.

16 SECTION 5. The authorization to issue special purpose
17 revenue bonds under this Act shall lapse on June 30, 2019.

18 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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Report Title:

SPRB; Pacific Power Group, LLC

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Pacific Power Group, LLC, to assist a utility serving the general public in providing electric energy enterprises.

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