
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§269- Community-based renewable energy tariffs. (a)

5 The public utilities commission shall upon application by an
6 electric utility or upon the commission's own motion, establish
7 a community-based renewable energy tariff or tariffs upon
8 determining that such tariff or tariffs are in the public
9 interest and are non-discriminatory.

10 (b) Any person or entity may propose a community-based
11 renewable energy project; provided that the project shall be
12 subject to the public utilities commission review and approval.

13 (c) An electric utility may develop and implement its own
14 community-based renewable energy project.

15 (d) The community-based renewable energy tariff and
16 related interconnection processes shall, to the extent possible,
17 be standardized.



1 (e) For purposes of this section, "community-based
2 renewable energy tariff" means a tariff approved by the public
3 utilities commission that:

4 (1) Allows electric utility customers to purchase an
5 interest conveying legal ownership in a portion or
6 portions of an eligible renewable energy project that
7 is selling electricity to the electric utility; and

8 (2) Allows the electric utility to implement a billing
9 arrangement to pay those customers for the electricity
10 purchased by the electric utility."

11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Community-based Renewable Energy Program; Public Utilities
Commission; Tariff

Description:

Requires the public utilities commission to establish community-based renewable energy tariffs that allow electric utility customers to own portions of a renewable energy facility that sells electricity to the electric utility. Allows an electric utility or anyone to propose a community-based renewable energy project for approval by the Public Utilities Commission. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB2934 HD1)

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