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HB-5340

## AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE POWER GENERATION. AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Green Bank	Clean Energy Fund - Potential Cost	Up to \$2 million	
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact and replaces it with the fiscal impact described below.

**Sections 1-4** establish a variety of successor renewable energy programs, including establishing tariffs and rates, energy purchased under the tariffs, and applicable rates when tariffs expire. Additionally, **Section 4** sets the total aggregate electric distribution company (EDC) procurement target at 180 megawatt-hour per year and \$85 million per year, accounting for all energy and energy products. These changes do not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) or the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), as they are replacing existing energy programs and both DEEP and PURA have the staff and expertise necessary to

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implement the successor programs.

**Sections 5 and 6** incorporate sunset provisions for various programs that do not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

**Section 7** requires the Green Bank, beginning in FY 27, to establish a pilot program for various residential solar customers and caps the program at \$2 million. This could result in a cost to the Green Bank associated with the total amount of incentives paid to customers through the pilot program.

**Section 8** expands the scope of the solar consumer protection taskforce, which is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the agencies assigned to the taskforce have the staff and expertise necessary to complete the requirements contained within the amendment.

**Sections 9 and 10** exempts portable solar generation devices from interconnection requirements and does not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

**Sections 11 and 12** require DEEP to establish an agrivoltaics project program (Section 11, beginning in FY 28) and a residential solar in distressed municipalities pilot program (Section 12, beginning in FY 27). This could result in a potential cost to DEEP associated with additional staff costs and licensing or information technology upgrades. The costs to DEEP are indeterminate and will be dependent on how the agency chooses to establish and administer the various programs.

**Section 13** makes clarifying changes for hardship customers and does not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

**Sections 14 and 15** require Siting Council certificate holders for an electric generation or storage facility to report any major incident at the facility and makes other changes requiring Siting Council applicants to provide emergency services training at certain facilities. These changes are not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state.

**Section 16** establishes a working group within PURA to review and

assess any processes on the resumption of electric generation services after a service shutoff at an electric generation or storage facility that exceeds five days. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the members of the working group have the staff and expertise necessary to fulfill the requirements contained within the amendment.

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