A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL WHEELING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that production of
renewable energy may be encouraged if government agencies, as
sellers of renewable energy, are allowed to engage in intra-
governmental wheeling, in which electric power is transmitted
from one agency's point of generation to the facilities of other
governmental agencies over the existing transmission lines of a
third-party electric public utility. Specifically, the State
and other government entities such as the counties could acquire
renewable energy by purchasing it from a renewable energy
project developer and then transmit it, across utility lines
owned and maintained by an existing electric utility, to the
government agency or another government agency.

The legislature also finds that intra-governmental wheeling
has been a topic of discussion over the years in dockets at the
public utilities commission, but no related orders have been
filed. Intra-governmental wheeling was part of a broader
discussion on distributed generation in a docket opened in 2003
and the specific topic of discussion in a docket opened in 2007. In the 2003 docket, the commission did not fully address the issues relevant to intra-governmental wheeling. In the 2007 docket, all of the preliminary steps for the proceeding were concluded by 2013. However, the docket remains open, but stalled.

The purpose of this Act is to expedite the implementation of intra-governmental wheeling by authorizing government agencies to wheel electricity that is produced by their own facilities from renewable energy resources, subject to disallowance by the public utilities commission.

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

"§269- Wheeling; renewable energy; government agencies; rules. (a) A government agency may engage in wheeling of electricity produced at its own facilities from renewable energy resources.
(b) The public utilities commission may disallow a wheeling project if the commission determines that the project is either:
(1) Detrimental to an electric utility company; or

(2) Not in the public interest.

(c) The public utilities commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section."

SECTION 3. The public utilities commission shall complete its intra-governmental wheeling proceeding and establish an intra-governmental tariff by December 31, 2020.

SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: [Signatures]

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Report Title:
PUC: Intra-governmental Wheeling; Authorized

Description:
Authorizes any government agency to engage in the wheeling of electricity that is produced at its own facilities from renewable energy resources, subject to disallowance by the Public Utilities Commission.

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