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Present law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources to develop and adopt, in cooperation with affected industry and consumer representatives and after one or more public hearings, regulations governing solar devices.

Proposed law retains present law and also requires cooperation with landowners and utility and agricultural representatives in developing regulations. Also requires such regulations govern property leases for the exploration, development, and production of solar energy.

Proposed law authorizes the rules to provide for minimum requirements for property leases for the exploration, development, and production of solar energy including but not limited to acreage, access, and maintenance of the property during the lease, and decommissioning and final site closure upon termination of the lease.

Present law requires the regulations to encourage the development and use of solar energy and to provide maximum information to the public concerning solar devices. Proposed law retains present law.

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(Amends R.S. 30:1154(A)(intro para); adds R.S. 30:1154(A)(8))