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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to  
Original House Bill No. 655 by Representative Coussan

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 5, after "permit to" and before "operate" insert "construct or"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 2, line 27, after "construct" and before "operate" change "and" to "or"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 3, delete line 17 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

7 "(iii) The estimated cost of site closure and remediation that includes the  
8 estimated cost of removing the solar power generation facility and associated  
9 infrastructure from the property and restoring the property to as near as reasonably  
10 possible to the condition of the property prior to the commencement of construction  
11 of the facility. The secretary shall adjust the estimated cost based upon any updated  
12 decommissioning plan submitted pursuant to Paragraph (D)(2) of this Section. Any  
13 increase in the amount of financial security required shall be secured by the permit  
14 holder within thirty days of notification of the increase."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 4

16 On page 4, at the beginning of line 1, after "D." insert "(1)"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 5

18 On page 4, line 4, after "collect" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 5 through  
19 8 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

20 "the following fees:  
21 (a) An application fee not to exceed fifty dollars per acre of the solar power  
22 generation facility footprint.  
23 (b) An application processing fee not to exceed five hundred dollars.  
24 (c) An annual monitoring and maintenance fee beginning the year after  
25 issuance of the permit and every year thereafter not to exceed fifty dollars per  
26 acre of the facility footprint.  
27 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Paragraph, no applicant or permit  
28 holder shall be charged a fee that exceeds the department's budgeted costs of  
29 implementing and administering the provisions of this Section for the fiscal year in  
30 which the fee is charged.  
31 (2) Any application for a permit"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 6

33 On page 4, delete line 12 in its entirety, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

34 "updated every five years after the initial submission. All submitted plans shall be  
35 reviewed for sufficiency by the department and approved by the secretary.  
36 (3) Any power generation facility in construction or operating before August  
37 1, 2022, shall register with the department and pay the annual monitoring and  
38 maintenance fee provided for in this Subsection. Beginning January 1, 2024, such

1 facilities shall be in compliance with this Section and any rules and regulations  
2 promulgated pursuant to this Section, including obtaining financial security and  
3 submitting a decommissioning plan.  
4 (4) All the monies collected from the fees"