
DIGEST

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HB 459 Reengrossed

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Coates

Abstract: Requires permits from the Department of Energy and Natural Resources for renewable energy projects with the exception of residential property use.

Proposed law requires operators of renewable energy storage facilities to obtain a permit for installation and decommissioning from the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR) prior to installing a battery.

Proposed law requires a permit to construct or complete an onshore wind project from the DENR.

Proposed law prohibits the issuance of a permit for renewable energy projects without proof of financial security and a decommissioning plan.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the dept. to promulgate and adopt regulations necessary for the enforcement of proposed law by Aug. 31, 2026.

Proposed law excludes residential properties from the applicability of proposed law.

Proposed law provides a definition for "onshore".

(Adds R.S. 30:1131 and 1141)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Provide an exclusion for applicability of proposed law to residential property use.
2. Define "onshore" as land-based wind turbines and those located on inland water bodies.
3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add a deadline of Aug. 31, 2026, by which rules and regulations must be promulgated and adopted.
2. Make technical changes.