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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Rules (Gruters) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Before line 16

insert:

Section 1. Section 163.3205, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

163.3205 Solar facility approval process.-

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage renewable solar electrical generation throughout this state. It is essential that solar facilities and associated electric infrastructure be constructed and maintained in various



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12 locations throughout this state in order to ensure the  
13 availability of renewable energy production, which is critical  
14 to this state's energy and economic future.

15 (2) As used in this section, the term "solar facility"  
16 means a production facility for electric power which:

17 (a) Uses photovoltaic modules to convert solar energy to  
18 electricity that may be stored on site, delivered to a  
19 transmission system, and consumed primarily offsite.

20 (b) Consists principally of photovoltaic modules, a  
21 mounting or racking system, power inverters, transformers,  
22 collection systems, battery systems, fire suppression equipment,  
23 and associated components.

24 (c) May include accessory administration or maintenance  
25 buildings, electric transmission lines, substations, energy  
26 storage equipment, and related accessory uses and structures.

27 (3) A solar facility shall be a permitted use in all  
28 agricultural land use categories in a local government  
29 comprehensive plan and all agricultural zoning districts within  
30 an unincorporated area and must comply with the setback and  
31 landscaped buffer area criteria for other similar uses in the  
32 agricultural district.

33 (4) A county may adopt an ordinance specifying buffer and  
34 landscaping requirements for solar facilities. Such requirements  
35 may not exceed the requirements for similar uses involving the  
36 construction of other facilities that are permitted uses in  
37 agricultural land use categories and zoning districts.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:



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41           Delete line 2  
42 and insert:  
43           An act relating to renewable energy; creating s.  
44           163.3205, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining  
45           the term "solar facility"; providing that solar  
46           facilities are a permitted use in local government  
47           comprehensive plan agricultural land use categories  
48           and certain agricultural zoning districts; requiring  
49           solar facilities to comply with specified criteria;  
50           authorizing counties to adopt ordinances that meet  
51           certain requirements; amending s.