

Utility-Scale Solar 2020 Legislative Summary
Local Taxation of Solar Equipment
Land Use and Zoning
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Energy Tax aka “Revenue Share” (HB 1131/SB 762)

- Provides the option for a locality, by local ordinance, to replace the M&T tax with an energy tax of up to \$1,400 per Megawatt (MW) of capacity installed per project;
- Does not retroactively apply to any projects “...for which an application was filed with the locality on or before July 1, 2020.”;
- However, an applicant (or owner) of a previously approved may voluntarily enter into a written agreement to be subject to the energy tax; and
- Extends state mandate to exempt projects from local tax to 2030 (currently set to expire in 2024).

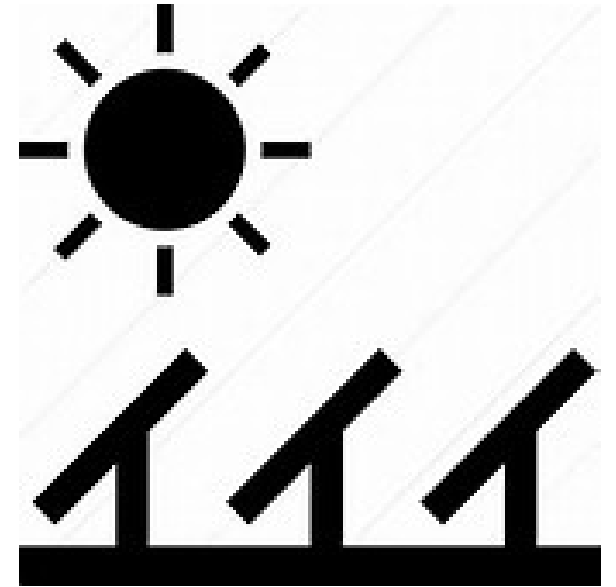
Step Down Reduction in Mandatory M&T Exemption (HB 1434/SB 763)

Reduces the mandatory exemption of 80% under the following schedule:

- 80% exemption for the first 5 years of operation;
 - 70% exemption for years 6-10; and
 - 60% exemption for years 11 and beyond.
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- Applies to any project for “... which an initial interconnection request form has been filed with an electric utility or a regional transmission organization on or after January 1, 2019.”; and
 - Also extends state mandate to exempt projects from local tax to 2030 (currently set to expire in 2024).

Land Use and Zoning Legislation

- Special exception for solar photovoltaic projects (HB 655/SB 870);
- Zoning Ordinance - National Standards for solar equipment (HB 656/SB 875); and
- Optional Waiver of Comprehensive Plan Review (HB 657).



Host Locality Site Agreement in Qualified Opportunity Zones – HB 1675

