

I oppose HB 2063 as it does not conform to agriculture land use, first premise is to preserve farm land which is a value to the citizens of this state. Moreover, HB 2063 asks the people of this state to allow a completed solar array that is generating and delivering electricity to be exempt from land use - building approval process for additional phases as: (1) Enlarging the existing solar array [adding additional solar panels], or (2) Increasing acreage by expanding the existing solar array footprint. For example; an investor applies for approval of a six unit apartment complex and submits the required application documents. Plan documents are approved and a permit is issued. Construction commences - completes, investor requests final inspection. Building official approves the six units for occupancy; permit file is closed by building official. The investor returns a week after final inspection approving occupancy of the previously permitted to build an additional six units, for twelve units in total. Even though investor was only approved for six units. Land use and permit departments, on the other hand, treat each construction phase or amendment to the original application documents for the construction permit as a separate and distinct transaction. In other words, the permit holder can only complete the construction according to the submitters application documents at the time the original - first permit issued, in this example, the investors building six unit apartment complex. Alternately, HB 2063 ignores that "all" construction projects: new, remodel, upgrade, addition, or expansion of land usage starts the building application process anew. The writers of HB 2063 contrary to permitting standards purport that the original solar array permit should remain opened indefinitely and be allowed to be used more than once in any way the contractor deems expandable and - or profitable.