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Solar Photovoltaic Requirements for Detached Accessory Dwelling Units

Consider an exemption from the Solar Photovoltaic system requirements for detached accessory dwelling units 850 square feet and smaller. Units of this size are inherently energy-efficient. The cost & complications that result from adding solar panels to the small roof area can make it more complicated and costly to deliver these much-needed housing units. The delivery complications make it very difficult to install solar panels in the factory for factory-built ADUs (they can be ripped off by wind en route to a job site). The on-site installation opens the HCD approved unit up to local inspection, causing additional delays and costs.