

A bill for an act
relating to state government; establishing a heating and cooling policy for
building projects funded with state appropriations; proposing coding for new law
in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[16B.326] HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; STATE-FUNDED
BUILDINGS.**

The commissioner must review and study geothermal and solar thermal applications
as possible uses for heating or cooling for all building projects subject to a predesign
review under section 16B.335 that receive any state funding for replacement of heating or
cooling systems. When practicable, geothermal and solar thermal heating and cooling
systems must be considered when designing, planning, or letting bids for necessary
replacement or initial installation of cooling or heating systems in new or existing
buildings that are constructed or maintained with state funds. The predesign review must
include a written plan for compliance with this section from a project proposer.

For the purposes of this section, "solar thermal" means a flat plate or evacuated tube
with a fixed orientation that collects the sun's radiant energy and transfers it to a storage
medium for distribution as energy for heating and cooling.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to cooling
or heating systems replacement or installation in buildings that are constructed or
maintained with state funds that are subject to predesign review on or after that date.