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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; requiring reporting on fires involving alternative energy

1.3 systems; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,

1.4 chapter 299F.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[299F.038] REPORTING ON FIRES INVOLVING ALTERNATIVE**

1.7 **ENERGY SYSTEMS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** As used in this section, an "alternative energy system" includes

1.9 systems that collect energy from wind, solar, hydro, geothermal, or other renewable sources

1.10 to heat, cool, or generate electricity or other power.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Local reporting required.** The chief of the fire department of a city or town,

1.12 or in a city or town where no fire department exists, the mayor or town clerk, respectively,

1.13 must report to the state fire marshal on any fire that involves an alternative energy system.

1.14 Along with any other information required by the fire marshal, the report must include, to

1.15 the degree known, information on the cause, origin, and circumstances of each fire; the

1.16 amount of financial damage caused; and whether any person was injured or killed. Reports

1.17 required under this subdivision must be submitted as soon as practicable under the

1.18 circumstances.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Coordination by state fire marshal; report required.** Annually by February

1.20 15, the state fire marshal must submit a summary of the reports received under subdivision

1.21 2 for the preceding calendar year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the

1.22 legislative committees with jurisdiction over fire safety.