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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to capital improvements; authorizing the use of state appropriations for
1.3 renewable solar energy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4 chapter 16B.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[16B.351] SOLAR ENERGY IN STATE BUILDINGS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Percent of appropriations for renewable solar energy.** An
1.8 appropriation for the construction or alteration of any state building shall contain an
1.9 amount of five percent of the total appropriation for the building, excluding landscaping,
1.10 that may be an integral part of the building or its grounds, to purchase "Made in
1.11 Minnesota" renewable solar energy systems. Money used for this purpose is available
1.12 only for new public buildings and alterations or repairs on existing public buildings. No
1.13 more than ten percent of the total amount available each fiscal year under this subdivision
1.14 may be used for administrative expense, either by the commissioner of administration or
1.15 any other entity to whom the commissioner delegates administrative authority.

1.16 Subd. 2. **Exempt buildings.** A building for which the appropriation is less
1.17 than \$500,000 for construction, alteration, or repair for which the commissioner of
1.18 administration has determined that this section is inappropriate, is exempt from the
1.19 requirements of this section.

1.20 Subd. 3. **Unused funds.** If an amount made available under subdivision 1 is
1.21 not expended for renewable solar energy for the building, the unexpended portion is
1.22 available to the commissioner of administration for the purchase and installation of "Made
1.23 in Minnesota" renewable solar energy equipment on existing state buildings and is not
1.24 available to pay other construction costs of buildings.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
2.2 have the meanings given.

2.3 (b) "Made in Minnesota" means the material production of solar photovoltaic
2.4 modules, which must include the tabbing, stringing, and lamination processes that produce
2.5 a solar photovoltaic module.

2.6 (c) "State building" means a building, the construction or alteration of which is paid
2.7 wholly or in part by the state, from any source of funds.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.