

A bill for an act

relating to energy; removing ban on increased carbon dioxide emissions by utilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 216H.02, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 216H.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 216H.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **General elements of the plan.** The plan must:

(1) estimate 1990 and 2005 greenhouse gas emissions in the state and make projections of emissions in 2015, 2025, and 2050;

(2) identify, evaluate, and integrate a broad range of statewide greenhouse gas reduction options for all emission sectors in the state;

(3) assess the costs, benefits, and feasibility of implementing the options;

(4) recommend an integrated set of reduction options and strategies for implementing the options that will achieve the goals in subdivision 1, including analysis of the associated costs and benefits to Minnesotans;

(5) estimate the statewide greenhouse gas emissions reductions anticipated from implementation of existing state policies; and

(6) recommend a system to require the reporting of statewide greenhouse gas emissions, identifying which facilities must report, and how emission estimates should be made; ~~and.~~

~~(7) evaluate the option of exempting a project from the prohibitions contained in section 216H.03, subdivision 3, if the project contributes a specified fee per ton of carbon dioxide emissions emitted annually by the project, the proceeds of which would be used to~~

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2.1 ~~fund permanent, quantifiable, verifiable, and enforceable reductions in greenhouse gas~~
2.2 ~~emissions that would not otherwise have occurred.~~

2.3 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.4 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 216H.03, is repealed.