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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **2104**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; authorizing certain electric cooperatives and municipal
1.3 electric utilities to voluntarily contribute funding for incentives to consumers
1.4 installing solar modules manufactured in Minnesota; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 216C.412, subdivision 2.
1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2013 Supplement, section 216C.412, subdivision 2,
1.8 is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 2. **Payments from public utilities.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2014, and each
1.10 January 1 thereafter, through 2023, for a total of ten years, each electric public utility
1.11 subject to section 216B.241 must, and each cooperative electric association and municipal
1.12 utility selling electricity at retail that is subject to section 216B.241 may, annually pay
1.13 to the commissioner of commerce five percent of the minimum amount it is required to
1.14 spend on energy conservation improvements under section 216B.241, subdivision 1a.
1.15 Payments under this subdivision must be included in the calculation of whether a utility's
1.16 other spending on generation exceeds the limits authorized for spending on generation
1.17 under section 216B.2411, subdivision 1, for investments proposed for commissioner of
1.18 commerce approval after July 1, 2013. The limits on spending in section 216B.2411 do
1.19 not limit or apply to payments required by this subdivision. Payments made under this
1.20 paragraph count toward satisfying expenditure obligations of a ~~public~~ utility under section
1.21 216B.241, subdivision 1a or 1b, as applicable. The commissioner shall, upon receipt
1.22 of the funds, deposit them in the account established in subdivision 1. A public utility
1.23 subject to this paragraph must be credited energy savings for the purpose of satisfying
1.24 its energy savings requirement under section 216B.241, subdivision 1c, based on its
1.25 payment to the commissioner.

2.1 (b) Notwithstanding section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (g), beginning
2.2 January 1, 2014, and continuing through January 1, 2023, for a total of ten years, the
2.3 public utility that manages the account under section 116C.779 must annually pay from
2.4 that account to the commissioner an amount that, when added to the total amount paid to
2.5 the commissioner of commerce under paragraph (a), totals \$15,000,000 annually. The
2.6 commissioner shall, upon receipt of the payment, deposit it in the account established in
2.7 subdivision 1.

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