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Introduction and first reading

Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; reestablishing a planning strategy for a sustainable energy future
1.3 that ends Minnesota's contribution to greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels;
1.4 developing a framework through a stakeholder process; reenacting repealed
1.5 language; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

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

1.7 Section 1. **[216C.185] PLANNING STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY**
1.8 **FUTURE.**

1.9 (a) The Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources, in consultation with
1.10 other state agencies and the Legislative Energy Commission, must develop a framework
1.11 for the state of Minnesota to transition to a renewable energy economy that ends Minnesota's
1.12 contribution to greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels within the next few decades. The
1.13 framework and strategy should aim to make Minnesota the first state in the nation to use
1.14 only renewable energy.

1.15 (b) In developing the framework for this transition, the Division of Energy Resources
1.16 must consult with stakeholders, including but not limited to representatives from cooperative,
1.17 municipal, and investor-owned utilities, natural resources and environmental advocacy
1.18 groups, labor and industry, and technical and scientific experts to examine the challenges
1.19 and opportunities involved to develop a strategy and timeline to protect the environment
1.20 and create jobs. The timeline must establish goals and strategies to reach the state's renewable
1.21 energy standards and prepare for the steps beyond reaching those standards.

1.22 (c) The Division of Energy Resources and its stakeholders must consider the following
1.23 in creating the framework:

2.1 (1) the economic and environmental costs of continued reliance on fossil fuels;

2.2 (2) the creation of jobs and industry in the state that result from moving ahead of other
2.3 states in transitioning to a sustainable energy economy;

2.4 (3) the appropriate energy efficiency and renewable energy investments in Minnesota
2.5 to reduce the economic losses to the Minnesota economy from importation of fossil fuels;
2.6 and

2.7 (4) the new technologies for energy efficiency, storage, transmission, and renewable
2.8 generation needed to reliably meet the demand for energy.

2.9 (d) The framework must be modified as needed to take advantage of new technological
2.10 developments to facilitate ending fossil fuel use in power generation, heating and cooling,
2.11 industry, and transportation.

2.12 (e) The Division of Energy Resources must report to the legislative committees and
2.13 divisions with jurisdiction over energy policy by January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter,
2.14 on progress toward achieving the framework goals.