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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy and Climate Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; providing for beneficial electrification goals to reduce
1.3 greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health; proposing coding for new
1.4 law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

1.6 Section 1. [216B.247] BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION.

1.7 (a) It is the goal of the state to promote energy end uses powered by electricity that result
1.8 in a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and improvements to public health, consistent
1.9 with the goal established under section 216H.02, subdivision 1.

1.10 (b) To the maximum reasonable extent, beneficial electrification should prioritize
1.11 investment and activity in low-income and underresourced communities, maintain or improve
1.12 the quality of electricity service, maximize customer savings, improve the integration of
1.13 wind and solar generation, and prioritize job creation.

1.14 Sec. 2. [216B.248] PUBLIC UTILITY BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION.

1.15 (a) By September 29 of each odd-numbered year, each public utility must submit to the
1.16 commission a plan to promote energy end uses powered by electricity within its service
1.17 area. To the maximum reasonable extent, the plans must:

- 1.18 (1) maximize consumer savings over the lifetime of the investment;
1.19 (2) maintain or enhance the reliability of electricity service;
1.20 (3) support the integration of solar and wind power;

- 2.1 (4) encourage load shape management and energy storage that reduce overall system  
2.2 costs;
- 2.3 (5) prioritize electrification projects in economically disadvantaged communities; and
- 2.4 (6) produce a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, based on the electricity  
2.5 generation portfolio of the public utility proposing the plan either over the lifetime of the  
2.6 conversion or by 2050, whichever is sooner.
- 2.7 (b) By April 29 of each even-numbered year, the commission must approve, reject, or  
2.8 modify the plan of a public utility, consistent with the public interest.