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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; modifying the solar energy incentive program; making technical
1.3 changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 116C.7792.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 116C.7792, is amended to read:

1.6 **116C.7792 SOLAR ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

1.7 The utility subject to section 116C.779 shall must operate a program to provide solar
1.8 energy production incentives for solar energy systems of no more than a total nameplate
1.9 capacity of ~~20~~ 40 kilowatts direct current. The program shall must be operated ~~for eight~~
1.10 ~~consecutive calendar years commencing in 2014~~ until December 31, 2023. ~~\$5,000,000 shall~~
1.11 ~~be allocated in each of the first four years, \$15,000,000 in the fifth year, \$10,000,000 in~~
1.12 ~~each of the sixth and seventh years, and \$5,000,000 in the eighth~~ each year is allocated from
1.13 funds withheld from transfer to the renewable development account under section 116C.779,
1.14 subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (e), and placed in a separate solar production incentive
1.15 program account for the purpose of the solar production incentive program. The solar system
1.16 must be sized to less than 120 percent of the customer's on-site annual energy consumption.
1.17 The production incentive must be paid for ten years commencing with the commissioning
1.18 of the system. The utility must file a plan to operate the program with the commissioner of
1.19 commerce. The utility may not operate the program until it is approved by the commissioner.