

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed  
**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 2/22, 4/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies current requirements that contracts for the construction or major renovation of public buildings dedicate 1.5 percent of the contract price to solar energy technology to allow the 1.5 percent to be dedicated to any green energy technology.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Baseline by which energy reduction is measured
- Types of energy generation that should be considered green energy technology
- Effectiveness of geothermal energy in certain locations around the state

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Eliminates requirement that passive solar energy systems achieve a 20-percent reduction in energy usage. Requires conservation measures achieve a significant reduction in energy usage instead of a twenty percent reduction in energy usage.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2620 (2007), which became effective January 1, 2008, requires that public entities spend 1.5 percent of the total contract price of a public improvement contract for new construction or major renovation of a public building on solar energy technology. Public entities include, but are not limited to, state agencies, universities, community colleges, school districts and education services districts, and local government.