

HB 3169

Relating to energy technology in public buildings

The bill allows a contract agency to use energy from green energy technology located away from the primary site of a public building if green energy technology meets certain requirements.

The bill clarifies existing language and requires each contracting agency to collect and maintain information relating to compliance and report the information to the Department of Energy.

The Department of Energy is required to deliver an annual report to the Legislative Assembly.

The bill has a minimal fiscal impact.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 3169 be reported out do pass.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Unger
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Dingfelder

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: The bill allows a contract agency to use energy from green energy technology located away from the primary site of a public building if green energy technology meets certain requirements. Requires each contracting agency to collect and maintain information relating to compliance and report the information to the Department of Energy. Requires the Department of Energy to deliver an annual report to the Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- What the existing program is and what issues the bill clarifies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2012, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1533 B, revising the statutory requirement to include 1.5 percent of total contract price for inclusion of solar technologies in construction or renovation of public buildings to include the option of using geothermal energy or geothermal electricity generation.

House Bill 3169 A allows a contracting agency to meet the green energy technology requirement using off-site energy generation provided it meets certain requirements. The bill also requires reporting by contracting agencies and the Department of Energy regarding actions taken to comply with the requirement.