

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/4, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows contracting agency to meet green energy technology requirement using energy generated off-site of public building if green energy technology meets certain qualifications. Requires contracting agency to collect and maintain certain information and to report to Department of Energy at time and in manner specified by rule. Requires Department to deliver annual report to Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Department’s ability to enforce existing statute
- Need to clarify what constitutes new generating capacity
- Types of green energy eligible to meet requirement of statute
- Original “1.5 percent for solar” requirement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies requirements for use of off-site energy generation to comply with green energy technology requirements. Amends contracting agency reporting requirement from each quarter to time and manner specified by Department of Energy rule.

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.