

SB 1178 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes legislative findings. Establishes that the existing requirement that 10 percent of the electricity sold in this state by each electric company that makes sales to 25,000 or more retail electricity consumers be generated by small-scale renewable energy facilities or certain biomass facilities must be owned by a person that is not an electric company. Removes limitation of the percentage being based on the aggregate electric capacity of all electric companies. Requires electric companies to make best efforts to continually increase the annual percentage of electricity sold that is generated by small-scale renewable energy facilities until 2030. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2021 the Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2021 which established a goal for community-based renewable energy projects. The Act required by the year 2030 at least 10 percent of the aggregate electrical capacity of all electric companies that make sales of electricity to 25,000 or more retail electricity consumers in this state to be composed of electricity generated by small-scale renewable energy projects with a generating capacity of 20 megawatts or less; or facilities that generate electricity using biomass that also generate thermal energy for a secondary purpose.