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How much GENERAL FUND money has been spent (wasted) on "The Rooftop Solar Incentive Fund?"

Taken from the Text of [HB 2618 (2019)]:

"...SECTION 3. (1) The Rooftop Solar Incentive Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the Rooftop Solar Incentive Fund shall consist of:

- (a) Amounts donated to the fund;
 - (b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly; and
 - (c) Other amounts deposited into the fund from any public or private source.
- (2) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Energy to be used to issue rebates pursuant to section 2 of this 2019 Act and to pay the costs and expenses of the department related to the administration and implementation of sections 1 to 4 of this 2019 Act.
- (3) Over the course of a calendar year, no more than 50 percent of moneys available for issuing rebates from the fund may be used to issue rebates for solar electric systems or paired solar and storage systems constructed or installed for nonresidential customers.
- (4) In each calendar year, 25 percent of all moneys available for issuing rebates from the fund must be reserved for rebates for solar electric systems or paired solar and storage systems constructed or installed for low or moderate-income residential customers and low-income service providers.

If the department was unable to obtain a sufficient number of approvable applications to meet the requirements of this subsection in the previous calendar year, the department may, in the current calendar year, issue rebates, in an amount

that does not exceed the 25 percent reserved for the prior calendar year less the amount of rebates made to low or moderate income residential customers and low-income service providers, to residential customers that are not low or moderate income residential customers or low-income service providers...."

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Mr. Oregon Concur and says, "Co-generation power plants are the way to go. The solar boondoggle nested in [SB 827] serves the Solar Companies, the Installers and those who offer loans the Rebates do not cover. Taxpayers should not be required to pay for the Rebate Program."