

Bill No. CS for SB 1142

Amendment No. 3 Barcode 972342

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The Committee on Regulated Industries recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 3, between lines 20 & 21,

insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida Renewable Energy Purchase Act."

Section 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.

(1) The Legislature finds that it is in the public's interest to:

(a) Encourage investment in renewable energy resources to expand environmentally sustainable methods of generating electricity.

(b) Stimulate the economic growth of this state.

(c) Enhance the continued diversification of the fuel sources for electricity used in the state.

(2) The Legislature further finds and declares that a program requiring public utilities to use renewable energy is a way to encourage investments in renewable energy resources,

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1 stimulate in-state economic growth, and enhance the continued
2 diversification of the state's energy resources.

3 Section 3. DEFINITIONS--As used in this act, the term:

4 (1) "Biomass" means a power source that is comprised
5 of combustible residues or gasses from forest products
6 manufacturing, agricultural and orchard crops, waste products
7 from livestock and poultry operations and food processing,
8 urban wood waste, municipal solid waste, municipal liquid
9 waste treatment operations, and landfill.

10 (2) "Green energy" means renewable energy.

11 (3) "Renewable energy" means electricity generated
12 from any method or process that uses one or more of the
13 following sources of energy: biomass; municipal solid waste;
14 geothermal energy; solar energy; wind energy; wood waste;
15 ocean thermal gradient power; hydroelectric power; landfill
16 gas; and agricultural products and by-products.

17 Section 4. MINIMUM PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS

18 (1) Each public utility, as defined in section
19 366.02(1), F.S., shall ensure that at least four percent of
20 the electric power it sells in 2003 and each year thereafter
21 shall be renewable energy.

22 (2) If a public utility must procure renewable energy
23 to satisfy the requirements of this section, the public
24 utility shall use a competitive procurement process, give
25 priority to entities that produce renewable energy in Florida
26 and utilize sources of renewable energy that are not related
27 to or affiliated with the public utility, except when and only
28 to the extent that such entities collectively cannot produce
29 enough renewable energy to satisfy the requirements of this
30 section.

31 (3) The Public Service Commission may adopt rules to

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1 ensure that the procurement of renewable energy by public
2 utilities is conducted in a fair and impartial manner,
3 consistent with the goals set forth in this section. The
4 Public Service Commission also may develop an accreditation
5 process to ensure that any entities providing green energy in
6 Florida satisfy the goals of this section.

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10 And the title is amended as follows:

11 On page 1, lines 1-7, delete those lines

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13 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to electric utilities; amending s.

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366.8255, F.S.; redefining the term "environmental compliance

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costs" to include certain costs relating to air quality;

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creating the Florida Renewable Energy Purchase Act; providing

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legislative findings; providing definitions; requiring public

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utilities to sell a minimum amount of renewable energy;

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providing an effective date.

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