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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
 2 (Saunders) recommended the following **amendment to amendment**
 3 **(223658)** :

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 5 **Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

6 Delete line(s) 1264-1274

7 and insert:

8 Section 20. Section 377.921, Florida Statutes, is created
 9 to read:

10 377.921 Qualified solar energy system program.--The
 11 Legislature finds that qualified solar energy systems provide
 12 fuel savings and can help protect future electricity and natural
 13 gas shortages, reduce our dependence on foreign sources of
 14 energy, and improve environmental conditions. The Legislature
 15 further finds that the deployment of qualified solar energy
 16 systems advances Florida's goals of promoting energy efficiency
 17 and the development of renewable energy resources. Therefore, the

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18 Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to encourage
19 public utilities to develop and implement programs that promote
20 the deployment and use of qualified solar energy systems.

21 (2) As used in this section:

22 (a) "Qualified solar energy system" means a solar thermal
23 water heating system installed at a customer's premises.

24 (b) "Public utility" or "utility" means a utility as defined
25 in s. 366.02(1).

26 (c) "Eligible program" means a program developed by a public
27 utility and approved by the commission pursuant to subsection (5)
28 under which the utility facilitates the installation of solar
29 thermal water heating systems at a utility customer's premises.

30 (d) "Program fuel cost savings" means the total fuel cost
31 savings that a utility is projected to achieve from all solar
32 thermal water heating systems installed at a customer's premises
33 over the life of the qualified solar energy system.

34 (e) "Program costs" means all costs incurred in implementing
35 an eligible program, including, but not limited to:

36 1. In service capital investments, including the utility's
37 last authorized rate of return thereon;

38 2. Operating and maintenance expense, including but not
39 limited, to labor, overhead, materials, advertising, marketing,
40 customer incentives or rebates.

41 (3) Notwithstanding any provision in chapter 366 or rule to
42 the contrary, a public utility shall be allowed to recover
43 through the energy conservation cost recovery clause, either as
44 period expenses or by capitalizing and amortizing, all prudent
45 and reasonable program costs incurred in implementing an eligible
46 program. With respect to any solar hot water heating system, the
47 amortization period shall be 5 years.



48 (4) Notwithstanding any provision in chapter 366 or rule to
49 the contrary, and in addition to recovery under subsection (3), a
50 utility shall be allowed to recover through the fuel cost
51 recovery clause beginning in the year each solar thermal water
52 heating system begins operation ten percent of any such program
53 fuel cost savings until the utility undergoes its next rate
54 proceeding before the commission. The remaining 90 percent of
55 fuel saving shall be returned to the utility's customers through
56 the fuel cost recovery clause.

57 (5) Notwithstanding any provision in chapter 366 or rule to
58 the contrary, the commission shall enter an order approving a
59 public utility's qualified solar energy system program if the
60 utility demonstrates in a petition that:

61 (a) The qualified solar energy systems to be installed as
62 part of the program at minimum meet applicable Solar Rating and
63 Certification Corporation OG-30 certification requirements.

64 (b) The qualified solar energy systems are constructed and
65 installed in conformity with the manufacturer's specifications
66 and all applicable codes and standards.

67 (6) Within 60 days of receiving a petition to approve a
68 qualified solar energy system program, the commission shall
69 either approve the petition or inform the utility of any
70 deficiencies therein. If the commission informs the utility of
71 deficiencies, the utility may correct those deficiencies and
72 refile its petition to approve the qualified solar energy system
73 program.

74 (7) In order to encourage public utilities to promote the
75 deployment and use of qualified solar energy systems, the public
76 utility shall own the renewable attributes or benefits associated
77 with the energy output of a qualified solar energy system



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78 | installed pursuant to an eligible program, including any
79 | renewable energy credit or other instrument issued as a result of
80 | the utility's eligible program.

81 | (renumber subsequent sections)

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83 | ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

84 | And the title is amended as follows:

85 | Delete line(s) 2288-2292

86 | and insert:

87 | taken to meet those goals; creating s. 377.921, F.S.;

88 | relating to qualified solar energy systems; providing

89 | definitions; allowing a public utility to recover certain

90 | costs;