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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Communications and Public Utilities (Bennett)
2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment**

5 Delete line(s) 2599-2669
6 and insert:

7 377.921 Qualified solar energy system program.--The
8 Legislature finds that qualified solar energy systems provide
9 fuel savings and can help protect against future electricity and
10 natural gas shortages, reduce the state's dependence on foreign
11 sources of energy, and improve environmental conditions. The
12 Legislature further finds that the deployment of qualified solar
13 energy systems advances Florida's goals of promoting energy
14 efficiency and the development of renewable energy resources.
15 Therefore, the Legislature finds that it is in the public
16 interest to encourage public utilities to develop and implement
17 programs that promote the deployment and use of qualified solar



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18 energy systems.
19 (2) As used in this section:
20 (a) "Qualified solar energy system" means a solar thermal
21 water heating system installed at a customer's premises by a
22 public utility. Once installed, ownership of the qualified system
23 may be retained by the public utility or granted to the customer.
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; and
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.



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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 50 percent of any such program
53 fuel cost savings for a period not to exceed five years from the
54 installation date. The remaining 50 percent of fuel saving shall
55 be returned to the utility's customers through the fuel cost-
56 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 after receiving a petition to approve a
68 qualified solar energy system program, the commission shall
69 approve the petition or inform the utility of any deficiencies
70 therein. If the commission informs the utility of deficiencies,
71 the utility may correct those deficiencies and refile its
72 petition to approve the qualified solar energy system program.

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



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78 | renewable energy credit or other instrument issued as a result of
79 | the utility's eligible program.

80 | (8) This section shall stand repealed on June 30, 2011,
81 | unless reenacted by the Legislature on or before that date.
82 | Utilities may not enroll new customers in the qualified solar
83 | energy program after June 30, 2011, unless this section is
84 | reenacted.

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