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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Rehwinkel Vasilinda offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (525388) (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 17 and 18, insert:

5 Section 3. The Legislature finds that there is a need for  
6 a funding mechanism to support and finance a comprehensive  
7 energy policy, especially as it relates to sustainable and  
8 renewable energy, energy conservation, and energy efficiencies.  
9 With such a stable funding mechanism, this state will realize  
10 important long-term goals, including:

11 (1) Increased independence from foreign oil.

12 (2) Ensuring an adequate and reliable energy supply.

13 (3) The promotion of economic growth and new investment in  
14 the creation of high-paying jobs.

15 (4) The mitigation adverse environmental impacts and  
16 promotion of stewardship of the environment.

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17       (5) Leading the nation in energy conservation and energy  
18 efficiencies through needed support for implementing and  
19 marketing the products of renewable energy research and  
20 innovation.

21       (6) Contributing to a sustainable and renewable energy  
22 policy for the state.

23       Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 377.806,  
24 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25       377.806 Solar Energy System Incentives Program.—

26       (1) PURPOSE.—The Solar Energy System Incentives Program is  
27 established within the commission to provide financial  
28 incentives for the purchase and installation of solar energy  
29 systems. Any resident of the state who purchases and installs a  
30 new solar energy system of 2 kilowatts or larger for a solar  
31 photovoltaic system, a solar energy system that provides at  
32 least 50 percent of a building's hot water consumption for a  
33 solar thermal system, or a solar thermal pool heater, from July  
34 1, 2006, through June 30, 2016 ~~2010~~, is eligible for a rebate on  
35 a portion of the purchase price of that solar energy system.

36       (2) SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM INCENTIVE.—

37       (a) Eligibility requirements.—A solar photovoltaic system  
38 qualifies for a rebate if:

39           1. The system is installed by a state-licensed master  
40 electrician, electrical contractor, or solar contractor.

41           2. The system complies with state interconnection  
42 standards as provided by the Florida Public Service Commission.

43           3. The system complies with all applicable building codes  
44 as defined by the Florida Building Code.

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45 (b) Rebate amounts.—The rebate amount shall be set at \$2  
46 ~~\$4~~ per watt based on the total wattage rating of the system. The  
47 maximum allowable rebate per solar photovoltaic system  
48 installation shall be as follows:

49 1. Ten ~~Twenty~~ thousand dollars for a residence.

50 2. Fifty ~~One hundred~~ thousand dollars for a place of  
51 business, a publicly owned or operated facility, or a facility  
52 owned or operated by a private, not-for-profit organization,  
53 including condominiums or apartment buildings.

54 (c) All publicly accessible and disseminated information  
55 about the Solar Energy System Incentives Program shall include  
56 prominently displayed information regarding:

57 1. The amount of funds that remain to provide rebates for  
58 the approved applications, updated, at a minimum, on a monthly  
59 basis.

60 2. Information about the total number and dollar amount of  
61 approved and funded solar rebate applications, updated, at a  
62 minimum, on a monthly basis.

63 3. A statement that no more applications for solar rebates  
64 are accepted once funds are depleted.

65 (d) Beginning January 1, 2011, each electric utility that  
66 owns, maintains, or operates an electric generation,  
67 transmission, or distribution system in the state shall include  
68 the following on each residential, commercial, and industrial  
69 electric utility customer's monthly electric bill to provide the  
70 revenues for the Solar Energy System Incentives Program:

71 1. The following option boxes:

72 a. A check box for a voluntary contribution of \$1.

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73 b. A check box for a voluntary contribution of \$5.

74 c. A check box for a voluntary contribution of \$10.

75 2. The following statement: "Your voluntary contribution  
76 supports Florida's Solar Energy System Incentives Program to  
77 help offset the cost of solar panel installation for you, your  
78 neighbors, and other Florida residents and business owners.  
79 Thank you for helping Florida truly become the 'Sunshine  
80 State.'"

81 (e) Voluntary contributions shall be added by the electric  
82 utility customer to the amount of his or her monthly utility  
83 charges and the total shall be remitted to the electric utility.

84 (f) The electric utility shall collect and transmit the  
85 voluntary contributions into the Solar Energy System Incentives  
86 Program quarterly.

87 (g) The Florida Energy and Climate Commission shall  
88 establish a direct-support organization to provide assistance,  
89 funding, and support for carrying out the Solar Energy System  
90 Incentives Program. The Florida Energy and Climate Commission  
91 shall establish administrative rules and reporting requirements  
92 for the operation of the direct-support organization, including  
93 oversight of and procedures for the electric utilities'  
94 administration, collection, and transmission procedures of  
95 customers' voluntary contributions.

96 (h) Voluntary contributions collected pursuant to this  
97 subsection shall be allocated first to replenish the deficit in  
98 the Solar Energy System Incentives Program incurred prior to  
99 July 1, 2010, until or unless the deficit is replenished from

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100 federal funds or state funds, at which time all funds shall be  
101 used for the continuation of the program.

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106 Remove line 26 and insert:

107 energy"; amending s. 377.806, F.S.; revising the expiration date  
108 for the Solar Energy System Incentives Program; extending the  
109 period of time for which residents of the state are eligible to  
110 receive rebates for specified solar energy systems; revising the  
111 rebate amount for eligible solar energy systems; providing for  
112 public dissemination of certain information about the program;  
113 requiring electric utilities to include certain information in  
114 customers' monthly electric bills, collect voluntary  
115 contributions from customers for the program, and remit the  
116 contributions to the program; requiring the Florida Energy and  
117 Climate Commission to establish a direct-support organization  
118 for administration of the program and adopt rules; providing for  
119 allocation and use of voluntary contributions; providing an  
120 effective date.