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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Rehwinkel Vasilinda offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 187 and 188, 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 of adverse environmental impacts and
16 the 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.

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99 Between lines 5 and 6, insert:

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100 providing legislative findings; amending s. 377.806, F.S.;

101 revising the expiration date for the Solar Energy System

102 Incentives Program; extending the period of time for which

103 residents of the state are eligible to receive rebates for

104 specified solar energy systems; revising the rebate amount

105 for eligible solar energy systems; providing for public

106 dissemination of certain information about the program;

107 requiring electric utilities to include certain

108 information in customers' monthly electric bills, collect

109 voluntary contributions from customers for the program,

110 and remit the contributions to the program; requiring the

111 Florida Energy and Climate Commission to adopt rules and

112 to establish a direct-support organization for

113 administration of the program;