The Florida Senate HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 90, 1st Eng.

INTRODUCER: Community Affairs and Senator Brandes and others

SUBJECT: Renewable Energy Source Devices

DATE: May 2, 2017

I.Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment1 – 955741 (body with title)

II.Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1:

- Applies the tangible personal property tax exemption retroactively to a renewable energy source device that was installed after August 30, 2016, on municipal land as part of a project incorporating other renewable energy source devices under common ownership on municipal land for the sole purpose of supplying a municipal electric utility with at least 2 megawatts and no more than 5 megawatts of alternating current power when the renewable energy source devices in the project are used together; and
- Creates a set of statutes to govern distributed energy generation system sales, with provisions on safety compliance, mandatory disclosures, rulemaking authority for the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, penalties, and exemptions.

The amendment does not reenact ss. 193.155(4)(a) and 193.1554(6)(a), F.S., relating to homestead assessments and nonhomestead residential property assessments, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 193.624, F.S.

Lines 87-93, discussed in the first bullet point above, increase the bill's negative fiscal impact on local revenue by an indeterminate (likely small) amount. There is no appropriations impact.