

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 288
INTRODUCER: Senator Rodriguez
SUBJECT: Rural Electric Cooperatives
DATE: March 11, 2026

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment — 815655 (body and title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment - *Barcode 815655* amends SB 288, which revises s. 425.041, F.S. Under current law s. 425.041, F.S., prohibits certain bylaws, tariffs, and policies to be utilized by rural electric cooperatives. The amendment deletes a provision in the Senate bill that eliminates electric investor-owned utilities, municipal electric utilities, and rural electric cooperatives from the entities covered by the restriction in s. 425.041(1), F.S., prohibiting the restriction or prohibition of “types or fuel sources of energy production which may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the entities...to serve customers that those entities would be authorized to serve.”