



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 436

Chairperson: Chris Langemeier
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The Legislature finds that it is in the public interest to: [Section 1]

1. Encourage private investment in renewable energy
2. Stimulate economic growth
3. Enhance diversification of energy resources in the state

Customer-Generators:

- Allowed a renewable energy system with a maximum rated output of 125 kilowatts. [Section 2]
- Net-Metering at 1 to 1 (kw/customer = kw/supplier, equal tradeoff) then at the end of the year if generated more than the customer used paid out at wholesale cost (avoided cost) [Section 2]
- Own any “green tags” produced by their generation [Section 6]
- Not subject to review by the Power Review Board [Section 8]

Electrical Suppliers:

- Cannot charge an additional fee for net-metering above any minimum monthly fee charged all customers [Section 3]
- Shall require only a single bi-directional meter installed at the Electrical Supplier’s expense. [Section 4]
- Shall establish standards for interconnection based on the National Electrical Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, or the American National Standards Institute [Section 5]
 - No unreasonably burdensome standards
 - No additional standards above those proscribed in this act
 - Cannot require additional tests
 - Cannot require additional liability insurance
- Shall produce a report on the numbers and effects of net-metering [Section 7]

Principal Introducer:

Senator Ken Haar