

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 49—ASSEMBLYMEN GRIFFIN AND HARDY

FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises definition of renewable energy to include waterpower for certain purposes. (BDR 58-920)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to energy; revising the definition of renewable energy to include waterpower for the purposes of the portfolio standard for renewable energy for certain providers of electric service and for net metering and optional pricing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     **Section 1.** NRS 704.7811 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
3     704.7811 1. “Renewable energy” means:  
4     (a) Biomass;  
5     (b) Geothermal energy;  
6     (c) Solar energy; ~~and~~  
7     (d) *Waterpower; and*  
8     (e) Wind.  
9     2. The term does not include coal, natural gas, oil, propane or  
10 any other fossil fuel, or nuclear energy.  
11     **Sec. 2.** If, on or after January 1, 2003, but before the effective  
12 date of this act, a provider of electric service generated or acquired  
13 any kilowatt-hours of electricity from a renewable energy system  
14 that uses waterpower to generate electricity, and the provider sold  
15 those kilowatt-hours to its retail customers in this state during  
16 calendar year 2003, the provider may use those kilowatt-hours for



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1 the purposes of NRS 704.7801 to 704.7828, inclusive, as amended  
2 by this act, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, to comply  
3 with its portfolio standard for renewable energy for calendar year  
4 2003.

5 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

