

Amendment No. 729

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 184 First Reprint (BDR 58-229)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor

Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

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S.B. No. 184—Requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to establish the Renewable Energy Systems Development Program.
(BDR 58-229)



SENATE BILL NO. 184—SENATOR SCHNEIDER

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to ~~establish the Renewable Energy Systems Development Program;~~ open an investigatory docket concerning the establishment of a feed-in tariff program for renewable energy systems in this State. (BDR 58-229)

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

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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; requiring the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to ~~establish the Renewable Energy Systems Development Program; requiring each provider of electric service in this State to participate in the Program; requiring the Commission to establish standard contracts for the purchase and resale of electricity generated by certain renewable energy systems;~~ open an investigatory docket to study, examine and review the feasibility and advisability of establishing a feed-in tariff program for renewable energy systems in this State; requiring the Commission to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations from the investigatory docket to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to establish the Renewable Energy Systems Development Program. Section 12 of this bill requires each provider of electric service in this State to participate in the Program. Section 12 also requires the Commission to establish standard contracts for the purchase and resale of electricity from certain renewable energy systems and determine the price to be paid for electricity pursuant to such standard contracts.~~

~~Section 14 of this bill provides that a standard contract is transferable under certain circumstances. Section 14 requires that a standard contract provide that any tradable renewable energy credits associated with a renewable energy system which accepts a standard contract are owned by the provider of electric service that purchases electricity from the renewable energy system. Additionally, section 14 provides that a standard contract entered into by a utility provider is deemed to be a prudent investment, and the utility provider may recover all just and reasonable costs associated with the standard contract.~~

~~Section 15 of this bill requires the Commission to adopt regulations to carry out the Program.~~

~~Section 19 of this bill requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to submit annual reports to the Legislature or the Legislative Commission concerning the Program. Section 19 of this bill requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to open an investigatory docket to establish the initial prices for the purchase and resale of electricity under the Program.~~

~~Section 20 of this bill requires the regulations which must be adopted by the Commission to carry out the provisions of this bill to be adopted on or before December 31, 2011.]~~ study, examine and review the feasibility and advisability of establishing a feed-in tariff program for renewable energy systems in this State. This bill also requires the Commission to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations from the investigatory docket to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

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

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 3. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 4. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 5. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6.5. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 7. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 8. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 9.5. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 10. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 11. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 12. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 13. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 14. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 15. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 16. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 17. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 18. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 19. 1. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada shall open an investigatory docket to ~~determine just and reasonable prices for the purchase and resale of electricity pursuant to sections 2 to 18, inclusive, of this act.]~~ study, examine and review the feasibility and advisability of establishing a feed-in tariff program for renewable energy systems in this State.

2. The investigatory docket must include, without limitation:

(a) An evaluation of existing feed-in tariff programs in other jurisdictions and whether such programs or components of such programs would be appropriate models for a feed-in tariff program in this State;

(b) An evaluation of different mechanisms for establishing prices for the purchase and sale of electricity pursuant to a feed-in tariff program;

(c) Consideration of issues relating to the integration of a feed-in tariff program with existing programs for renewable energy in this State, including, without limitation, the renewable energy programs established pursuant to chapter 701B of NRS;

(d) Consideration of the role of a feed-in tariff program in helping providers of electric service meet the portfolio standard established pursuant to NRS 704.7821; and

(e) Consideration of the short-term and long-term costs and savings associated with a feed-in tariff program for retail customers of providers of electric service in this State.

3. The following parties may participate in the investigatory docket:

(a) ~~{A}~~ Each provider of electric service; ~~{as defined in section 7 of this act;}~~

(b) ~~{A system owner as defined in section 11 of this act;}~~

~~{(c) A utility provider as defined in section 12 of this act;}~~

~~{(d)} The Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission;~~

(c) The Consumer's Advocate and the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General; and

~~{(e)} (d) Any other interested {party} parties.~~

4. On or before October 1, 2012, the Commission shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations from the investigatory docket to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

5. If the Commission's report contains any recommendations for the establishment of a feed-in tariff program for renewable energy systems in this State, the report must include, without limitation, recommendations regarding:

(a) The legislation that would be necessary to establish the feed-in tariff program; and

(b) The procedures and mechanisms that would be necessary to implement the feed-in tariff program.

6. As used in this section, "provider of electric service" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 704.7808.

Sec. 20. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 21. ~~{1}~~ This act becomes effective ~~{1}~~

~~{(a) Upon} upon passage and approval. ~~{for the purposes of adopting regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and}~~~~

~~{(b) On July 1, 2012, for all other purposes;}~~

~~2. This act expires by limitation on June 30, 2020.~~