

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 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 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:

- 1 This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to open an
 - 2 investigatory docket to study, examine and review the feasibility and advisability of
 - 3 establishing a feed-in tariff program for renewable energy systems in this State.
 - 4 This bill also requires the Commission to submit a written report of its findings and
 - 5 recommendations from the investigatory docket to the Director of the Legislative
 - 6 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)



- 1 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 2 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 3 **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 4 **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 5 **Sec. 6.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 6 **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 7 **Sec. 8.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 8 **Sec. 9.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 9 **Sec. 9.5.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 10 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 11 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 12 **Sec. 12.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 13 **Sec. 13.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 14 **Sec. 14.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 15 **Sec. 15.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 16 **Sec. 16.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 17 **Sec. 17.** (Deleted by amendment.)
- 18 **Sec. 18.** (Deleted by amendment.)

19 **Sec. 19.** 1. As soon as practicable after the effective date of
20 this act, the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada shall open an
21 investigatory docket to study, examine and review the feasibility
22 and advisability of establishing a feed-in tariff program for
23 renewable energy systems in this State.

24 2. The investigatory docket must include, without limitation:

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 (a) Each provider of electric service;

45 (b) The Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission;



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

3 (d) Any other interested parties.

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

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

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

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

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

18 **Sec. 20.** (Deleted by amendment.)

19 **Sec. 21.** This act becomes effective upon passage and
20 approval.

