

1.1 A bill for an act  
 1.2 relating to energy; establishing a grant program for renewable energy projects;  
 1.3 appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM.

- 1.6 (a) The commissioner of commerce shall establish a program to award grants to
- 1.7 energy projects that meet the following conditions:
- 1.8 (1) the project qualifies as a community-based energy development project, as
- 1.9 defined in section 216B.1612, subdivision 2, paragraph (g);
- 1.10 (2) for wind projects, must be located in an area where the measured wind resource
- 1.11 is Class 4 or above;
- 1.12 (3) the project begins commercial operation after July 1, 2009;
- 1.13 (4) the project does not receive renewable energy payment incentives under section
- 1.14 216C.41; and
- 1.15 (5) the project meets any other conditions established under the American Recovery
- 1.16 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, for use of these funds.
- 1.17 (b) The department shall develop an application form, application review procedures,
- 1.18 criteria that projects must meet in order to be considered for a grant award, procedures
- 1.19 and guidelines for project monitoring and evaluation, and other administrative procedures
- 1.20 necessary to fully implement a grant program.
- 1.21 (c) The maximum grant to a project is \$500,000.
- 1.22 (d) No more than two projects in a single county may receive a grant under this
- 1.23 section.

- 2.1 (e) No C-BED qualifying owner may financially participate in more than one project
- 2.2 that receives a grant under this section.
- 2.3 (e) Grant awards must be geographically dispersed throughout the state.
- 2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 2.5 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**
- 2.6 \$15,000,000 is appropriated from federal stimulus funding received by the Office
- 2.7 of Energy Security from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public
- 2.8 Law 111-5, to the commissioner of commerce for grants to renewable energy projects,
- 2.9 as provided in section 1.
- 2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.