

Subject Greenhouse gas emissions

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Summary

This bill addresses the state’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals in two ways.

First, it amends the goals by adding a 2030 goal of a 45 percent reduction in emissions from the 2005 baseline, and by substituting for the current 80 percent reduction target in 2050 a “net zero” emissions goal (taking into account the amount of emissions annually sequestered in Minnesota’s vegetation, biomass, and soils). The bill also requires the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to review the goals annually and to recommended changes to the legislature.

Second, the bill requires state agencies and most political subdivisions to incorporate the state greenhouse gas emission reduction goals into all aspects of their activities, and to make their governmental actions consistent with those goals, while not increasing greenhouse gas emissions disproportionately in any environmental justice area, as defined in the bill.