

Subject Incentives for Solar Energy and Energy Storage

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Summary

House File 4402 provides incentives for solar energy and energy storage systems. It increases the amount of money held back from the renewable development account to fund Xcel Energy's Solar Rewards program, which provides per kWh production incentives for 10 years for solar arrays with a capacity of 40 kw or less, from \$5 million to \$10 million annually for fiscal years 2023 and 2024, and extends the program to fiscal year 2026 at \$10 million annually.

The bill also requires Xcel to provide grants to defray the cost of energy storage systems with a capacity of 50 kWh or less, funded with \$10 million from the renewable development account.

The bill also requires contractors and subcontractors installing solar and energy storage projects funded under the bill to be subject to the state's prevailing wage statutes for those projects.