

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 1833, the delete everything amendment
1.2 (H1833DE1), as follows:

1.3 Page 12, delete section 7 and insert:

1.4 "Sec. [216B.1643] SOLAR GARDEN GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME
1.5 HOUSEHOLDS.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.7 the meanings given them.

1.8 (b) "Eligible entity" means a community action agency, as defined in section 256E.31,
1.9 a tribal or county governmental agency, or a non-profit governmental organization that
1.10 administers low-income energy programs for the Department of Commerce.

1.11 (c) "Income-eligible residential household" means a household with an annual income
1.12 that is (1) 50 percent or less of the state median income, or (2) 200 percent or less of the
1.13 federal poverty level.

1.14 (d) "Solar garden" has the meaning given in section 216B.1641.

1.15 Subd. 2. Establishment; purpose. A solar garden grant program for income-eligible
1.16 residential households is established in the Department of Commerce to award grants that
1.17 promote the development of solar gardens for income-eligible residential households. Funds
1.18 in the account are reserved for the purpose of this section and do not lapse.

1.19 Subd. 3. Eligibility. (a) A solar garden owner is eligible to receive a grant under this
1.20 section if:

1.21 (1) the new solar garden capacity is no greater than 500 kilowatts;

1.22 (2) all of the solar garden subscribers are income-eligible residential households, as
1.23 defined through a yearly application provided by the Department of Commerce; and

2.1 (3) the solar garden is operated by an eligible entity or by a third-party performing the
 2.2 duties under a contract with an eligible entity.

2.3 (b) An eligible entity is responsible for managing the solar garden and must annually
 2.4 certify to the commissioner that the solar garden complies with paragraph (a).

2.5 **Subd. 4. Application process; content.** (a) An eligible applicant must submit an
 2.6 application to the commissioner on a form designed by the commissioner. The commissioner
 2.7 must develop administrative procedures that govern the application, grant award process,
 2.8 and ongoing solar garden management requirements.

2.9 (b) An application for a grant under this section must include:

2.10 (1) evidence that the solar garden meets the eligibility requirements under subdivision
 2.11 3; and

2.12 (2) any other information requested by the commissioner.

2.13 **Subd. 5. Limitations.** A grant awarded under this section must not exceed 60% percent
 2.14 of the total cost to develop the community solar garden.

2.15 **Subd. 6. Eligible expenditures.** Grants awarded under this section may be expended to
 2.16 (1) finance, purchase, and install facilities necessary to operate a solar garden, and (2) pay
 2.17 reasonable expenses incurred by the department to administer the program and certify
 2.18 applicant eligibility on an ongoing basis."

2.19 Page 76, line 8, delete everything after "grants"

2.20 Page 76, line 9, delete everything before "under"

2.21 Page 76, line 10, delete everything after the first period