

- 1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 956, the first engrossment, as follows:
- 1.2 Page 18, line 10, after "(a)" insert "Beginning January 1, 2014" and delete the colon
- 1.3 Page 18, delete lines 11 to 15 and insert "to public utilities selling electricity at retail
- 1.4 in Minnesota, and to electric cooperatives and municipalities selling electricity at retail in
- 1.5 Minnesota that have elected to be governed under section 216C.412."
- 1.6 Page 18, line 32, delete "An electric" and insert "A"
- 1.7 Page 22, line 24, before "utility" insert "public" and delete everything before the
- 1.8 period and insert "or a cooperative association or municipality that has elected to be
- 1.9 governed under section 216C.412"
- 1.10 Page 22, line 28, before "80" insert "at least"
- 1.11 Page 28, line 17, delete "electric" and insert "public"
- 1.12 Page 28, line 18, after "retail" insert "electricity" and delete everything after "
- 1.13 Minnesota"
- 1.14 Page 28, line 19, delete everything before the comma
- 1.15 Page 28, line 20, delete "electric"
- 1.16 Page 31, line 15, after "\$500,000" insert "per fiscal year"
- 1.17 Page 31, line 21, delete "briefly" and insert "clearly"
- 1.18 Page 32, line 25, after "a" insert "public"
- 1.19 Page 33, delete section 38
- 1.20 Page 33, delete subdivision 1
- 1.21 Page 33, lines 24 and 28, after "commissioner" insert "of commerce"
- 1.22 Page 33, line 30, delete everything after "devices" and insert "located in the
- 1.23 electric service territory of a cooperative association or municipality that has elected
- 1.24 to be governed under section 216C.412, and the department of commerce's actual and
- 1.25 reasonable costs to administer this section"
- 1.26 Page 33, line 31, delete everything before "section"
- 1.27 Page 33, delete subdivision 4 and insert:

2.1 "Subd. 4. **Administrative procedure.** By April 1, 2014, the commissioner of
 2.2 commerce shall develop an administrative procedure that transfers funds from the account
 2.3 to pay the solar energy production incentive to owners of solar photovoltaic devices
 2.4 located in the electric service territory of a cooperative association or municipality that has
 2.5 elected to be governed under section 216C.412.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Transfer.** The public utility that contributes to the account established
 2.7 under section 116C.779 shall annually transfer from that account up to \$5 million annually
 2.8 to the commissioner of commerce for deposit in the account established in subdivision 1 to
 2.9 pay the solar energy production incentive to owners of solar photovoltaic devices located
 2.10 in the electric service territory of a cooperative association or municipality that has elected
 2.11 to be governed under section 216C.412. The commissioner of commerce shall request
 2.12 funds to be transferred by the public utility only to the extent necessary to fully fund the
 2.13 annual aggregate solar production incentives paid to owners of solar photovoltaic devices
 2.14 that are interconnected with cooperative associations or municipalities that have elected
 2.15 to be governed under section 216C.412."

2.16 Page 34, after line 6, insert:

2.17 "Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** (a) A public utility providing retail electric service to
 2.18 Minnesota customers is subject to the provisions of this section.

2.19 (b) A cooperative association or a municipality providing retail electric service
 2.20 to Minnesota customers may elect to be subject to the provisions of this section. The
 2.21 election shall be approved by resolution of the board of directors of the association
 2.22 or the governing body of the municipality, a copy of which must be provided to the
 2.23 commissioner of commerce. The election is effective 30 days after the election by the
 2.24 board of directors or governing body."

2.25 Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

2.26 Page 34, line 7, delete "; appropriation"

2.27 Page 34, delete line 9 and insert "(1) submitted to the utility to which the solar
 2.28 photovoltaic device is interconnected, on a form prescribed by the utility, an"

2.29 Page 34, line 11, delete "commissioner" and insert "utility"

2.30 Page 34, delete lines 13 to 15 and insert:

2.31 "(b) A utility shall make incentive payments under this section on a first-come,
 2.32 first-served basis. A utility is not required to make aggregate incentive payments under
 2.33 this section in any one calendar year that exceed 1.33 percent of the utility's gross
 2.34 operating revenues from retail sales of electric service provided to Minnesota customers
 2.35 during the previous calendar year.

3.1 (c) A cooperative association or a municipality that elects to be subject to the
 3.2 provisions of this section may elect to have the Department of Commerce pay the incentive
 3.3 to owners of solar photovoltaic devices from the account established in section 216C.411."

3.4 Reletter the paragraphs in sequence

3.5 Page 34, delete line 25 and insert:

3.6 "(c) A utility paying an incentive under this section must enter into a contract with
 3.7 an owner of a solar photovoltaic system under which the utility agrees to make incentive
 3.8 payments for a period of 20 years."

3.9 Page 34, line 26, delete everything before "No" and insert:

3.10 "(d)"

3.11 Page 35, line 25, after "paid" insert "by utilities under this section"

3.12 Page 40, delete section 50 and insert:

3.13 "Sec. 50. **REPEALER.**

3.14 Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 216B.1637, is repealed."

3.15 Amend the title accordingly