

Omnibus Commerce Policy and Finance Bill (SF 972)

**Energy Policy Sections
Same/similar Tracking Sheet**

(S0972-3 and UES0972-1)

Energy

Side by Side Page	Senate Sections	House Sections	Comparison	Description	Action
R1-R3	1-2	1-2	Similar	Revolving loan account for energy conservation projects in state buildings <i>House: Requires loans at market rate or below, including zero-interest, and terms no longer than seven years. (115.30 and 115.31)</i> <i>House: requires documentation of funding sought under the utility's conservation program, and gives preference to applications that seek such funding. (115.22 to 115.24; 116.2 to 116.4)</i> <i>Senate: gives preference to applications within Xcel electric service territory (20.1 to 20.3); House is in accord "to the extent feasible." (116.5)</i>	
R75	6	21	Similar	Minnesota efficient technology accelerator: Allows a nonprofit organization to file a proposal with the commissioner of commerce for a program to accelerate deployment and reduce the cost of emerging and innovative efficient technologies and approaches. <i>Senate and House have slight phrasing and organizational structure differences throughout.</i> <i>Senate contains provisions to:</i> – <i>prohibit filing of a program proposal prior to January 1, 2023 (28.11 to 28.12)</i>	

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				<p>– require public notice and feedback period (28.16 to 28.18)</p> <p>– disallow implementation of a program prior to January 1, 2024 (28.24 to 28.25)</p> <p>– prohibit approval of more than one accelerator program for implementation or be in operation at a time (29.15 to 29.17)</p> <p>– require independent review of an approved program at least once during the program’s term (29.18 to 29.28)</p>	
R80-R81	7	25	Similar	<p>Utility’s plan to minimize dislocation from plant retirement must be submitted with Integrated Resource Plan.</p> <p><i>Different language; no substantive differences.</i></p>	
R86-R89	8-9	9-10	Similar	<p>Allows Xcel Energy to propose a new power purchase agreement with St. Paul District Energy regarding waste wood inputs, in conjunction with electrifying the district heating and cooling system from renewable energy sources.</p> <p><i>House: the PUC may reject the electrification project if the agreement is not in the public interest. (288.27 to 288.30)</i></p> <p><i>Senate refers to “funding sources” on line 33.2, House does not include “sources.” (289.2)</i></p> <p><i>Differences in paragraph (f) discussing approval of electrification project and approval of new or extension of existing power purchase agreement. (Senate: 33.10 to 33.13/House: 289.10 to 289.14)</i></p>	
R89-R100 R103	10 and 16	32-33	Similar	<p>Utility natural gas innovation plans filed with PUC.</p> <p><i>Numerous nonsubstantive language differences.</i></p> <p><i>Substantive differences:</i></p> <p><i>Senate: Requires PUC to find that projected costs and revenues for efficiency, district energy, or electrification measures in plan are</i></p>	

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				<p><i>reasonable compared with other plan options. (38.8 to 38.12)</i></p> <p><i>House: Requires PUC to find that renewable natural gas from anaerobic digestion of manure purchased under the plan does not cause an increase in the number of animal units at the livestock production facility from which the gas was purchased. (199.25 to 199.28)</i></p> <p><i>House: Lists factors the PUC must consider in approving a power-to-ammonia program under a plan. (204.12 to 204.19)</i></p> <p><i>House: Adopts state goal to reduce consumption of conventionally produced natural gas. (205.16 to 205.19)</i></p> <p><i>House: Requires utility submission, concurrent with innovation plan, of numerous reports on greenhouse gas emissions, utility pipeline infrastructure, five-year forecasts of fuel prices and utility capital investments, and an inventory of utility financial incentive programs. (205.20 to 206.19)</i></p>	
R123	13	12	Similar	<p>Assessment for department regional and national duties.</p> <p><i>Senate extends expiration of assessment authorization for two more years until June 20, 2023. House eliminates the expiration altogether.</i></p>	
R128- R133	14-15	3-4	Similar	<p>Solar on schools.</p> <p><i>House: sections 3 and 4 limit grants to: (1) no more than 50% of the grant payments to schools where the proportion of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch is less than 50 percent and (2) no more than 10% of the grants to schools that are part of the same school district. (265.15 to 265.19 and 267.15 to 267.21)</i></p> <p><i>Senate: only section 15 limits grants to (1) no more than 75% of the grant payments be awarded to schools where the proportion of students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch is less than 50 percent and (2) no more than 10% of the grants may be awarded to</i></p>	

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				<p><i>schools that are part of the same school district. (51.1 to 51.7)</i></p> <p><i>House section 3 requires a school to obtain from the developer and provide to the public utility information the developer shared with potential investors in the project (267.4 to 267.8)</i></p> <p><i>Differences in the description of the financial arrangements for Xcel solar on schools program.</i></p> <p><i>Other small language differences. (Senate: 50.27 to 50.29 and House: 267.9 to 267.11)</i></p>	