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Bill Summary

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Overview

House File 1170 amends Minnesota's net metering law, which governs the sale and purchase of electricity between utilities and small dispersed generators, largely wind and solar facilities.

Section

- 1** **[216B.164] Purchases; small facilities.** Increases the maximum capacity of a distributed generation facility utilizing net metering from 40 kilowatts to 105 kilowatts.

Adds to the rate at which a utility must purchase energy from a distributed generation facility under this subdivision, i.e., the utility's average retail rate, the premium charged to customers who voluntarily elect to purchase additional wind sources from the utility (often called "green pricing").

Provides that a utility may elect to take possession of any renewable energy credits attached to electricity it purchases under this section.
- 2** **[216B.164] Subd. 5. Nondiscrimination; dispute resolution.** Provides that a utility may not impose unduly burdensome conditions or discriminate against a facility seeking to interconnect with the utility.
- 3** **[216B.164] Subd. 6. Rules and uniform contract.** Conforming language.
- 4** **[216B.164] Subd. 6a. Generation exceeding capacity.** Specifies that electrical generation that exceeds a generator's nameplate capacity does not nullify the contract between the generator and the utility, and must be purchased at the utility's avoided cost rate.