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Overview

House File 623 addresses a biomass project developed jointly by the cities of Hibbing and Virginia in partial fulfillment of the mandate issued to Xcel Energy by the legislature as part of the 1994 Prairie Island nuclear waste storage compromise to develop 110 megawatts of biomass-fueled electric capacity. The bill specifies various elements of an amendment to the power purchase agreement, including the inclusion of a fuel adjustment clause, that must be negotiated and executed by the middle of April 2013, and approved by the Public Utilities Commission.