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House File 2869 establishes an energy standard for coal analogous to the Renewable Energy Standard (RES) established in 2007: each utility is required to generate a given percentage of its retail sales from coal by a certain date. (Both percentage and date have not yet been added to the bill.) The bill also exempts any coal plant whose generation is necessary to meet the standard from the existing prohibition on newly-constructed coal plants or long-term contracts to purchase electricity generated from coal plants located outside Minnesota unless the carbon dioxide emissions associated with those facilities or contracts are offset by reducing carbon dioxide emissions at other Minnesota plants or through the purchase of carbon dioxide allowances from certain states.