## House Research

## - Bill Summary :

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House File 2052, as amended by the A1 amendment, modifies the regulation of wind and solar energy in several ways. The bill:

- exempts wind or solar facilities in excess of 50 megawatts capacity from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need from the Public Utilities Commission prior to construction;
- makes voluntary, in an application to the Public Utilities Commission for a site or route permit, the proposal of more than one site for an electric generating facility of 50 megawatts or more capacity and one route for a high-voltage transmission line;
- reduces from 90 to 30 days the amount of time the commission may extend its deliberations before making a final decision on a site or route permit for an electric generating facility of 50 megawatts or more capacity or a high-voltage transmission line;
- expands the definition of a "large wind energy conversion system" to include transmission lines necessary to connect the facility with the transmission system; and
- restricts the information the commissioner of commerce, in determining the total size of a combination of wind turbines, may request from a wind project developer to information pertaining to the size determination.