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House File 3232 amends Xcel Energy's Solar Rewards program, which provides production incentives for persons who install solar energy systems on their property. First, it broadens eligibility for the incentive by increasing the maximum capacity of a solar energy system from 20 kW to 40 kW. Second, it allows systems up to 40 kW to be counted toward Xcel's solar energy standard, which requires that 0.15 percent of the utility's retail electric sales be generated from solar energy systems at or below that capacity by the end of 2020. Finally, the bill provides that unspent appropriations for the Solar Rewards program at the end of a calendar year remain available for spending in the following calendar year.