

Subject Bioeconomy incentives

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Overview

This bill would modify eligibility criteria for the Advanced Biofuel Production Incentive and Renewable Chemical Production Incentive programs established in 2015.

For the Advanced Biofuel Production Incentive Program, the bill would decrease the minimum amount of advanced biofuel that an eligible facility must produce from 23,750 MMbtu per quarter to 1,500 MMbtu per quarter. It would also expand eligibility to include producers who create advanced biofuel from oil or animal fat.

For purposes of the Advanced Biofuel Production Incentive Program, an “advanced biofuel” is a renewable fuel, other than ethanol derived from corn starch, that has lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions that are at least 50 percent less than baseline lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Minn. Stat. § 239.051 and Public Law 110-140).

For the Renewable Chemical Production Incentive Program, the bill would reduce the minimum eligible production level from 750,000 to 250,000 pounds per quarter. It would also disqualify facilities that produced between 250,000 and 750,000 pounds of renewable chemical quarterly before January 1, 2015.