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# SENATE FILE NO. 538

## *FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT*

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### HOUSE ACTION

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Read First Time and Referred to the Committee on Committee on Finance

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*Referred by Chair to State Government Finance Division.*

March 26, 2007

*Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.*

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; establishing a heating and cooling policy for  
1.3 building projects funded with state appropriations; proposing coding for new law  
1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[16B.326] HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; STATE-FUNDED**  
1.7 **BUILDINGS.**

1.8 The commissioner must review and study geothermal and solar thermal applications  
1.9 as possible uses for heating or cooling for all building projects subject to a predesign  
1.10 review under section 16B.335 that receive any state funding for replacement of heating or  
1.11 cooling systems. When practicable, geothermal and solar thermal heating and cooling  
1.12 systems must be considered when designing, planning, or letting bids for necessary  
1.13 replacement or initial installation of cooling or heating systems in new or existing  
1.14 buildings that are constructed or maintained with state funds. The predesign review must  
1.15 include a written plan for compliance with this section from a project proposer.

1.16 For the purposes of this section, "solar thermal" means a flat plate or evacuated tube  
1.17 with a fixed orientation that collects the sun's radiant energy and transfers it to a storage  
1.18 medium for distribution as energy for heating and cooling.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to cooling  
1.20 or heating systems replacement or installation in buildings that are constructed or  
1.21 maintained with state funds that are subject to predesign review on or after that date.