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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

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

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