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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; requiring a process to develop policies to reduce greenhouse  
1.3 gas emissions; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 216C.

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

1.6 Section 1. [216C.03] CLIMATE CHANGE; ENERGY PRODUCTION AND USE.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Climate change action plan. (a) The commissioner of commerce,  
1.8 on behalf of the executive branch and in coordination with the commissioners of the  
1.9 Pollution Control Agency, natural resources, agriculture, employment and economic  
1.10 development, and transportation, shall identify and invite a nationally recognized  
1.11 independent expert entity to conduct a structured, broadly inclusive stakeholder-based  
1.12 process to develop potential policies and initiatives that can be implemented to reduce  
1.13 greenhouse gas emissions from activities in this state. The purpose of this effort is to  
1.14 identify, develop, and integrate a full range of state-level energy efficiency, renewable  
1.15 energy, and other climate change actions, across all economic sectors, regions, and energy  
1.16 uses in the state, and to develop a comprehensive climate change action plan that provides  
1.17 substantial energy and emissions savings and related benefits for Minnesota's citizens.

1.18 (b) The end product of this technical, cost-benefit analysis must be a final report that  
1.19 includes a thorough inventory and forecast of Minnesota's greenhouse gas emissions,  
1.20 an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from state government operations, a series  
1.21 of individual policy recommendations across all sectors and types of activities, and  
1.22 recommended statewide goals for implementation. The commissioner of commerce  
1.23 shall coordinate the activities of the executive branch participation with this stakeholder

2.1 process, and shall issue a Minnesota climate change action plan to the legislature by  
2.2 February 1, 2008.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Carbon-neutral state government plan.** The report in subdivision 1  
2.4 must identify policy options, barriers, and economic impacts of completely reducing or  
2.5 offsetting greenhouse gas emissions from state operations. The report must develop and  
2.6 propose strategies to be implemented over multiyear time frames to overcome those  
2.7 barriers. Recommendations for actions, policy changes, or new initiatives under this  
2.8 subdivision must be guided by a goal that all departments and agencies of this state  
2.9 achieve carbon-neutral operations under the following timeline:

2.10 (1) 50 percent reduction in 2007 greenhouse gas emissions by the end of 2010;

2.11 (2) 70 percent reduction in 2007 greenhouse gas emissions by the end of 2015;

2.12 (3) 90 percent reduction in 2007 greenhouse gas emissions by the end of 2020; and

2.13 (4) 100 percent reduction in 2007 greenhouse gas emissions by the end of 2025.

2.14 Subd. 3. **Regional activities.** It shall be an executive branch responsibility to work  
2.15 with other states in the Midwest region to develop and implement a regional approach to  
2.16 reducing greenhouse gas emissions from activities in the region. The commissioner of  
2.17 commerce shall coordinate Minnesota's regional activities and report by February 1 of  
2.18 each year on the progress made and recommendations for further action.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.