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**HOUSE FILE No. 3718**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs

March 17, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; proposing the Business Energy Accountability Act of 2008;  
1.3 providing for a voluntary inventory of business energy use; proposing coding  
1.4 for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[216C.42] BUSINESS ENERGY USE ACCOUNTABILITY.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Citation. This section may be cited as the Business Energy  
1.8 Accountability Act of 2008.

1.9 Subd. 2. Definition. For the purpose of this section, "municipality" means a  
1.10 statutory or home rule charter city or town, or county for unincorporated areas of a county.

1.11 Subd. 3. Energy accountability form. The commissioner of commerce shall create  
1.12 an energy inventory form for use by a municipality for purposes of subdivision 4. The  
1.13 form must be designed so a business can enter information concerning the following  
1.14 energy uses for the business:

- 1.15 (1) electric use per year;
- 1.16 (2) electricity supplier;
- 1.17 (3) heating type;
- 1.18 (4) annual energy use for heating;
- 1.19 (5) air conditioning type and use per year;
- 1.20 (6) business-owned motor vehicles;
- 1.21 (7) miles traveled by business-owned motor vehicles;
- 1.22 (8) chemicals used, including oils and cleaners;
- 1.23 (9) water use per year; and
- 1.24 (10) industrial sewage discharge.

2.1           The form must be designed, to the extent possible, so that its use by a municipality  
2.2 may qualify for federal grants available for the purpose of creating a greenhouse gas  
2.3 emission inventory.

2.4           Subd. 4. **Municipal inventory.** A municipality must make available to businesses  
2.5 located within the municipality the inventory form prescribed by subdivision 3. The  
2.6 business is not required to complete the inventory but may elect to do so and provide the  
2.7 completed inventory to the municipality. The municipality shall make the inventory  
2.8 available to the public by electronic or other means in a format that allows for convenient  
2.9 finding of an inventory for a particular business whether by alphabetically ordering the  
2.10 inventories by business or in some other convenient fashion.