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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education and Workforce Development Finance and Policy Division

Referred by Chair to Bioscience and Workforce Development Policy and Oversight Division.

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Returned to the Higher Education and Workforce Development Finance and Policy Division as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to economic development; amending the definition of "green economy"
1.3 to include the concept of "green chemistry"; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008,
1.4 section 116J.437, subdivision 1.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 116J.437, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purpose of this section, the following terms
1.9 have the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Green economy" means products, processes, methods, technologies, or services
1.11 intended to do one or more of the following:

1.12 (1) increase the use of energy from renewable sources, including through achieving
1.13 the renewable energy standard established in section 216B.1691;

1.14 (2) achieve the statewide energy-savings goal established in section 216B.2401,
1.15 including energy savings achieved by the conservation investment program under section
1.16 216B.241;

1.17 (3) achieve the greenhouse gas emission reduction goals of section 216H.02,
1.18 subdivision 1, including through reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, as defined in
1.19 section 216H.01, subdivision 2, or mitigation of the greenhouse gas emissions through,
1.20 but not limited to, carbon capture, storage, or sequestration;

1.21 (4) monitor, protect, restore, and preserve the quality of surface waters, including
1.22 actions to further the purposes of the Clean Water Legacy Act as provided in section
1.23 114D.10, subdivision 1; ~~or~~

2.1 (5) expand the use of biofuels, including by expanding the feasibility or reducing the
2.2 cost of producing biofuels or the types of equipment, machinery, and vehicles that can
2.3 use biofuels, including activities to achieve the biofuels 25 by 2025 initiative in sections
2.4 41A.10, subdivision 2, and 41A.11; or

2.5 (6) increase the use of green chemistry, as defined in section 116.9401.

2.6 For the purpose of clause (3), "green economy" includes strategies that reduce carbon
2.7 emissions, such as utilizing existing buildings and other infrastructure, and utilizing mass
2.8 transit or otherwise reducing commuting for employees.

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