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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy Finance and Policy Division

March 30, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; establishing policy encouraging renewable production of
1.3 thermal energy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 216C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[216C.054] POLICY ENCOURAGING CERTAIN RENEWABLE**
1.7 **PRODUCTION OF THERMAL ENERGY.**

1.8 It is the policy of this state to encourage the use of solar energy and the combustion
1.9 of grasses, agricultural wastes, trees, and other vegetation to produce thermal energy for
1.10 heating commercial, industrial, and residential buildings and for industrial processes.
1.11 In their annual legislative proposals required by section 216H.07, subdivision 4,
1.12 the commissioners of commerce and the Pollution Control Agency shall make
1.13 recommendations to implement this policy. No legal claim against any person shall be
1.14 allowed under this section. The combustion of municipal solid waste or refuse-derived
1.15 fuel to produce thermal energy is not addressed under this section.