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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; providing for utility rebates to homeowners for certain
1.3 renewable energy projects used to heat a residence; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2008, section 216B.241, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.241, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 2d. **Renewable residential heating.** Up to ten percent of a utility's
1.9 conservation spending obligation under subdivision 1a or any amount expended in order
1.10 to satisfy a utility's energy-savings goal under subdivision 1c may be used for a project
1.11 located in this state that provides rebates to homeowners who install the following types of
1.12 projects to heat the homeowner's primary residence:

1.13 (1) a solar thermal project, as defined in section 216B.2411, subdivision 2, paragraph
1.14 (e), except that no rebate may be awarded to a solar thermal project that heats water;

1.15 (2) a geothermal project;

1.16 (3) a heating unit that burns exclusively either biodiesel, shelled corn, or wood chips
1.17 or wood pellets, provided that the heating unit is listed by Underwriters Laboratories.

1.18 A rebate awarded under this subdivision must not exceed the lesser of 25 percent of the
1.19 purchase and installation costs of the project or \$500.

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