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Bill Summary

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1	**[116C.7792] Solar energy production incentive program.** Extends through 2022 Xcel Energy's existing Solar Rewards program that pays owners of small solar systems of 40 kW or less a financial incentive based on the amount of energy produced, allocating $10 million to the program in both fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022. Allows unallocated funds remaining at the end of a program year to be available to the program until the end of 2022, at which point the funds cancel back to the renewable development account.
2	**[116J.55] Community energy transition grants.** Establishes a program in the Department of Employment and Economic Development to award grants to communities in which electric generating plants have ceased or are scheduled to cease operations. Grants may fund worker retraining, the development of economic development strategies, and programs to attract new employers.
3	**Prairie Island Net Zero Project.** Requires the commissioner of commerce to award a grant to the Prairie Island Indian Community to develop and implement programs promoting the use of renewable energy sources among the tribe's institutions and members.
4	**Filing of mortgage deed of trust through 2020; public utility.** Through the end of 2020, exempts Xcel Energy from the deadline requiring certain documents pertaining to corporate bond sales to be filed in each county in which the company owns property within five days of the determination of the bond price, provided that the documents are filed with the secretary of state and in each of those counties.
5	**Appropriations.** **Subd. 1. Community energy transition grants.** Appropriates $2 million in fiscal year 2021 from the renewable development account for the grants, which must

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be spent in communities in Xcel Energy's electric service area or in communities hosting an Xcel electric generating plant.

Subd. 2. Prairie Island Net Zero project. Appropriates $16 million in fiscal year 2021, $15.2 million in fiscal year 2022, and $15 million in fiscal year 2023 from the renewable development account for the project grant. Specifies the size of a reserve for cost overruns.

Subd. 3. Granite Falls hydropower. Appropriates $2.75 million in fiscal year 2021 from the renewable development account to the commissioner of commerce for a grant to Granite Falls for the purchase of a new turbine for its existing hydropower facility.