

WHAT DOES THIS BILL DO?

This bill amends Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216C.05, subdivision 2 to create a new goal within the Conservation Improvement Program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in existing buildings by 50 percent from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2005 Baseline.

This would be achieved using the most effective current energy savings programs and through the development of new Federal programs from Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) by strategically prioritizing solutions with the highest overall carbon reduction.

Buildings use 40% of energy consumed in Minnesota, and the need to make these buildings more efficient to support grid stability, lower energy bills and lower greenhouse gas emissions is recognized in the state's Climate Action Framework.

WHY IS THIS BILL IMPORTANT?

This bill will accelerate and establishes policies that put Minnesota on track to meet or exceed its statutory greenhouse gas emissions goals by cutting carbon from Minnesota's energy resource mix. This bill could result in a net benefit to under-resourced communities and those with health issues thus targeting the goal of tackling climate change and creating a cleaner and healthier environment to all Minnesotans.

HOW WILL MINNESOTANS BE BETTER OFF IF WE PASS THIS BILL?

Minnesotans will benefit from this bill's reduction of pollution and emissions that cause climate change as well an additional saving in energy consumption. Additionally, communities impacted by local emissions from fossil generation will be positively impacted through fewer localized emissions in their area

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