



IBEW State Council

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Dear Chair Frentz and Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Committee,

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) State Council, I'm writing in support of HF2754, the Senate Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate Omnibus Finance.

In addition to providing a down payment on the infrastructure needed to meet the new 100% Clean Energy Standard, HF2754 also recognizes the vital role workers will play in our energy transition. Our members build and maintain the electric grid across the state and understand the task ahead of us. The funding in this bill represents a lot of work for our members. We look forward to getting started.

We'd also like to thank Chair Frentz for recognizing the value of a properly trained workforce, both in making sure the work is done properly and, most importantly, safely. The prevailing wage provisions will also make sure workers are paid a fair wage and share in the growing clean energy sector.

One of the challenges of meeting the new 100% Clean Energy Standard is that so many of the technologies we will need still need to develop. This bill's investments in solar, storage, hydrogen and advanced nuclear study could help guide our approach in the years ahead.

We do have concerns remaining with the PUC/Intervenor proposal. While we support efforts to include more voices in procedures at the PUC, particularly those advocating on behalf of low-income consumers, we would like to see a sunset date or a pilot program designation so legislators can evaluate whether the program is working as hoped.

Overall, we strongly support the bill and urge your support.

Sincerely,

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