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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; increasing and extending the renewable energy standard to  
1.3 2030; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.1691, subdivision 2a.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.1691, subdivision 2a, is amended to  
1.6 read:

1.7 Subd. 2a. **Eligible energy technology standard.** (a) Except as provided in  
1.8 paragraph (b), each electric utility shall generate or procure sufficient electricity generated  
1.9 by an eligible energy technology to provide its retail customers in Minnesota, or the  
1.10 retail customers of a distribution utility to which the electric utility provides wholesale  
1.11 electric service, so that at least the following standard percentages of the electric utility's  
1.12 total retail electric sales to retail customers in Minnesota are generated by eligible energy  
1.13 technologies by the end of the year indicated:

- 1.14 (1) 2012 12 percent
- 1.15 (2) 2016 17 percent
- 1.16 (3) 2020 ~~20~~ 25 percent
- 1.17 (4) 2025 ~~25~~ 32 percent
- 1.18 (5) 2030 40 percent.

1.19 (b) An electric utility that owned a nuclear generating facility as of January 1, 2007,  
1.20 must meet the requirements of this paragraph rather than paragraph (a). An electric utility  
1.21 subject to this paragraph must generate or procure sufficient electricity generated by  
1.22 an eligible energy technology to provide its retail customers in Minnesota or the retail  
1.23 customer of a distribution utility to which the electric utility provides wholesale electric  
1.24 service so that at least the following percentages of the electric utility's total retail electric

2.1 sales to retail customers in Minnesota are generated by eligible energy technologies by the  
2.2 end of the year indicated:

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| 2.3 | (1)        | 2010        | 15 percent         |
| 2.4 | (2)        | 2012        | 18 percent         |
| 2.5 | (3)        | 2016        | 25 percent         |
| 2.6 | (4)        | 2020        | 30 percent         |
| 2.7 | <u>(5)</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>35 percent</u>  |
| 2.8 | <u>(6)</u> | <u>2030</u> | <u>40 percent.</u> |

2.9 Of the 30 percent in 2020, at least 25 percent must be generated by solar energy  
2.10 or wind energy conversion systems and the remaining five percent by other eligible  
2.11 energy technology. Of the 25 percent that must be generated by wind or solar, no more  
2.12 than one percent may be solar generated and the remaining 24 percent or greater must  
2.13 be wind generated.

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