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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1973

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to greenhouse gas emissions; amending the state greenhouse gas emissions
1.3 reduction goals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 216H.02, subdivision
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1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 216H.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Greenhouse gas emissions-reduction goal. (a) It is the goal of the state
1.8 to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors producing those greenhouse
1.9 gas emissions to a level at least 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2015, to a level at least 30
1.10 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, and to a level at least 80 percent below 2005 levels by
1.11 2050; by at least the following amounts, compared with the level of emissions in 2005:

1.12 (1) 15 percent by 2015;

1.13 (2) 30 percent by 2025;

1.14 (3) 50 percent by 2030; and

1.15 (4) to net zero by 2050.

1.16 (b) To the maximum extent practicable, actions taken to achieve these goals must avoid
1.17 causing disproportionate adverse impacts to residents of communities that are or have been
1.18 incommensurately exposed to pollution affecting human health and environmental quality.

1.19 (c) The levels shall targets must be reviewed based on the climate change action plan
1.20 study annually by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, taking into account
1.21 the latest scientific research on the impacts of climate change and strategies to reduce
1.22 greenhouse gas emissions published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

2.1 The commissioner must forward any recommended changes to the targets to the chairs and  
2.2 ranking minority members of legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over climate  
2.3 change and environmental policy.

2.4 (d) For the purposes of the subdivision, "net zero" means:

2.5 (1) statewide greenhouse gas emissions equal to zero; or

2.6 (2) the balance of annual statewide greenhouse gas emissions, minus any terrestrial  
2.7 sequestration of statewide greenhouse gas emissions, equals zero or less.

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