

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; establishing policy encouraging renewable production of  
1.3 thermal energy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.4 216C.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[216C.054] POLICY ENCOURAGING CERTAIN RENEWABLE**  
1.7 **PRODUCTION OF THERMAL ENERGY.**

1.8 It is the policy of this state to encourage the use of solar energy and the combustion  
1.9 of grasses, agricultural wastes, trees, and other vegetation to produce thermal energy for  
1.10 heating commercial, industrial, and residential buildings and for industrial processes.  
1.11 In their annual legislative proposals required by section 216H.07, subdivision 4,  
1.12 the commissioners of commerce and the Pollution Control Agency shall make  
1.13 recommendations to implement this policy.