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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring electric and gas public utilities offering
2 energy efficiency rebate programs to customers to incorporate
3 specified small-scale renewable energy systems.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 6139XS 82
6 rn/nh/5

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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 14, Code Supplement
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 14. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLANS AND PROGRAMS.
1 4 a. Electric and gas public utilities shall offer energy
1 5 efficiency programs to their customers through energy
1 6 efficiency plans. An energy efficiency plan as a whole shall
1 7 be cost-effective. In determining the cost-effectiveness of
1 8 an energy efficiency plan, the board shall apply the societal
1 9 test, utility cost test, rate-payer impact test, and
1 10 participant test. Energy efficiency programs for qualified
1 11 low-income persons and for tree planting programs, educational
1 12 programs, and assessments of consumers' needs for information
1 13 to make effective choices regarding energy use and energy
1 14 efficiency need not be cost-effective and shall not be
1 15 considered in determining cost-effectiveness of plans as a
1 16 whole. The energy efficiency programs in the plans may be
1 17 provided by the utility or by a contractor or agent of the
1 18 utility. Programs offered pursuant to this subsection by gas
1 19 and electric utilities that are required to be rate-regulated
1 20 shall require board approval.
1 21 b. Electric and gas public utilities offering energy
1 22 efficiency rebates to customers as a component of their energy
1 23 efficiency programs shall allocate a portion of the rebate
1 24 funds specifically for the installation of small-scale
1 25 renewable energy systems, including solar hot water, solar
1 26 thermal, and photovoltaic systems. For purposes of this
1 27 paragraph, "photovoltaic" means utilization of solar cells,
1 28 panels, or arrays to convert light from the sun into
1 29 electricity. The board shall establish by rule system
1 30 specification and customer qualification requirements.

1 31 EXPLANATION

1 32 This bill requires electric and gas public utilities
1 33 offering energy efficiency rebates to customers as a component
1 34 of an energy efficiency program to allocate a portion of their
1 35 rebate funds for the installation of small-scale renewable
2 1 energy systems, including solar hot water, solar thermal, and
2 2 photovoltaic systems. The bill defines "photovoltaic" to
2 3 refer to utilization of solar cells, panels, or arrays to
2 4 convert light from the sun into electricity. The Iowa
2 5 utilities board is directed to establish system specification
2 6 and customer qualification requirements pursuant to
2 7 administrative rule.
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2 9 rn/nh/5.1