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A BILL FOR

1 An Act specifying an increasing percentage of electricity to be
2 owned or purchased by electric utilities from alternative
3 energy production facilities.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 476.41, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:

1 3 476.41 PURPOSE == FINDINGS.

1 4 1. It is the policy of this state to encourage the
1 5 development of alternate energy production facilities and
1 6 small hydro facilities in order to conserve our finite and
1 7 expensive energy resources and to provide for their most
1 8 efficient use.

1 9 2. The general assembly finds all of the following:

1 10 a. Alternate energy production provides valuable economic
1 11 development, creates high quality jobs, promotes energy
1 12 independence, and contributes to the stabilization of
1 13 electricity costs.

1 14 b. Alternate energy production can replace fossil fuel
1 15 electricity production and facilitate important environmental
1 16 benefits, including a reduction in the level of pollutants
1 17 contributing to air and water pollution.

1 18 c. Prescribing a standard for alternate energy production
1 19 is an established means utilized by other states to encourage
1 20 alternate energy development and attain the resulting economic
1 21 and environmental benefits, and will enable this state to be
1 22 recognized as a national leader in all forms of alternate
1 23 energy production.

1 24 Sec. 2. Section 476.44, subsection 2, Code 2007, is
1 25 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
1 26 thereof the following:

1 27 2. a. An electric utility subject to this division,
1 28 except as provided in paragraph "b", shall be required to own
1 29 or purchase at least the following percentages of its total
1 30 annual Iowa retail electric sales from alternate energy
1 31 production facilities or small hydro facilities at the rates
1 32 established pursuant to section 476.43:

1 33 (1) By December 31, 2010, ten percent.

1 34 (2) By December 31, 2015, fifteen percent.

1 35 (3) By December 31, 2020, twenty percent.

2 1 b. An electric utility that serves fewer than ten thousand
2 2 total customers may elect to be excluded from the requirements
2 3 of paragraph "a". The number of customers served shall be
2 4 based on data required to be reported by the utility on an
2 5 annual electric utility report filed with the energy
2 6 information administration of the United States department of
2 7 energy, commonly referred to as form 861, or its successor
2 8 form.

2 9 EXPLANATION

2 10 This bill requires electric utilities to own or purchase
2 11 increasing percentages of their total annual Iowa retail
2 12 electric sales from alternate energy production facilities or
2 13 small hydro facilities by specified dates.

2 14 Code section 476.42 defines an alternate energy production
2 15 facility to include a solar, wind turbine, waste management,
2 16 resource recovery, refuse-derived fuel, agricultural crops or
2 17 residues, or woodburning facility, and includes land, systems,
2 18 buildings, or improvements that are located at the project
2 19 site and transmission or distribution facilities necessary to

2 20 conduct the energy produced by the facility within the
2 21 definition. A small hydro facility is defined to include a
2 22 hydroelectric facility at a dam, and land, systems, buildings,
2 23 or improvements that are located at the project site and
2 24 transmission or distribution facilities necessary to conduct
2 25 the energy produced by the facility.
2 26 The bill provides that an electric utility shall be
2 27 required to own or purchase 10 percent of its total annual
2 28 Iowa retail electric sales from alternate energy production
2 29 facilities or small hydro facilities by December 31, 2010.
2 30 This percentage is increased to 15 percent by December 31,
2 31 2015, and to 20 percent by December 31, 2020.
2 32 An exclusion is available for an electric utility that
2 33 serves fewer than 10,000 total customers. The bill provides
2 34 that the number of customers served shall be based on data
2 35 required to be reported by the utility on an annual electric
3 1 utility report filed with the energy information
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