Senate File 286 - Introduced

SENATE FILE BY HOGG and BOLKCOM Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____ Vote: Ayes ____ Nays ___ Nays ___ A BILL FOR 1 An Act establishing energy efficiency performance standards
2 applicable to specified public utilities.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 4 TLSB 2481XS 82 5 rn/es/88

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1 Section 1. Section 476.6, subsection 16, paragraph b, Code 2 2007, is amended to read as follows: 3 b. A gas and electric utility required to be 4 rate=regulated under this chapter shall assess potential 5 energy and capacity savings available from actual and 6 projected customer usage by applying commercially available 7 technology and improved operating practices to energy=using 8 equipment and buildings. The utility shall submit the 9 assessment to the board. Upon receipt of the assessment, the 1 10 board shall consult with the department of natural resources 1 11 to develop specific capacity and energy savings performance 1 12 standards for each utility. The standards shall provide for a 1 13 minimum of a twelve percent reduction in the consumption of 1 14 electricity and natural gas attributable to utilization of 1 15 energy savings technology and improved operating practices by 1 16 2012 when compared to consumption levels on July 1, 2007, and 1 17 a twenty percent reduction in consumption attributable to 1 18 utilization of energy savings technology and improved
1 19 operating practices by 2020 when compared to consumption
1 20 levels on July 1, 2007. A utility may include energy savings
1 21 achieved through implementation of energy efficiency measures 22 and programs prior to the effective date of this Act in 23 achieving the percentage reduction in consumption standards 1 24 pursuant to this paragraph. The utility shall submit an 1 25 energy efficiency plan which shall include economically 1 26 achievable programs designed to attain these energy and 1 27 capacity performance standards. 28

EXPLANATION

This bill relates to the development of energy savings 29 1 30 performance standards applicable to an electric and natural 31 gas utility required to be rate=regulated pursuant to Code 32 chapter 476. Code section 476.6, subsection 16, currently 1 33 requires utilities to develop specific capacity and energy 34 savings performance standards. The bill quantifies this 35 requirement, providing for a minimum of a 12 percent reduction 1 in the consumption of electricity and natural gas attributable 2 to utilization of energy savings technology and improved 3 operating practices by 2012, and a 20 percent reduction by 4 2020 when compared to energy consumption levels in existence 5 on July 1, 2007. The bill provides that to achieve these 6 percentages a utility may include energy savings achieved 7 through implementation of energy efficiency measures and 8 programs prior to the effective date of the Act. 9 LSB 2481XS 82

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