

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; creating coordinated process for reducing greenhouse gas
1.3 emissions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216H.

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

1.5 Section 1. **[216H.07] GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION**
1.6 **ATTAINMENT; POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purpose of this section, the terms defined in
1.8 this subdivision have the meanings given them.

1.9 (b) "Reductions" means the greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals specified in
1.10 section 216H.02, subdivision 1.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Purpose.** This section is intended to create a nonexclusive, regular,
1.12 mandated process for the state to develop policies to attain the greenhouse gas reduction
1.13 goals specified in section 216H.02.

1.14 Subd. 3. **Quantification of annual reduction required.** By November 1 of each
1.15 year, the commissioners of commerce and the pollution control agency shall jointly
1.16 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
1.17 primary policy jurisdiction over energy and environmental issues and also disseminate
1.18 through available public channels the reductions required in each year until 2050. The
1.19 reductions must be based on and supported by the best available technical evidence that
1.20 also must be reported to the legislature and publicly disseminated in easily understood
1.21 nontechnical terms.

1.22 Subd. 4. **Annual strategic plan.** The commissioner shall include in the annual
1.23 report under subdivision 3 a detailed plan for attaining the reductions. The plan must
1.24 include draft legislation, including any budget requests, that are necessary for reduction

2.1 attainment. The plan must specify the reductions that are required for a year and the
2.2 reductions attributable to each component of the plan proposed to attain the reduction.
2.3 The specifics of the plan for a particular year may be more general the more future the
2.4 year but the plan must be as specific as available information will justify. The plan must
2.5 be based on the principles specified in subdivision 5.

2.6 Subd. 5. **Reduction principles.** The reduction plan must be based on the following
2.7 principles:

2.8 (1) the reductions must be attained;

2.9 (2) the reductions must be attained on a schedule that keeps pace with the reduction
2.10 timetable required by section 216H.02, subdivision 1;

2.11 (3) conservation, including ceasing some activities, doing some activities less, and
2.12 doing some activities more energy efficiently, is the first choice for reduction;

2.13 (4) public education is a key component;

2.14 (5) all levels of government should lead by example;

2.15 (6) strategies that may lead to economic dislocation should be phased in and should
2.16 be coupled with strategies that address the dislocation; and

2.17 (7) the plan must coordinate with other federal and regional greenhouse gas emission
2.18 reduction requirements so that the state benefits and is not penalized from its reduction
2.19 activities.

2.20 Subd. 6. **Public education.** Every plan must include a public education component.

2.21 The education component must provide for dissemination of the latest evidence on the
2.22 effects of greenhouse gas emissions. The education component must also stress that
2.23 the reductions not only seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also to conserve
2.24 nonrenewable fossil fuel resources that have a dwindling supply. The fact that this
2.25 dwindling supply may ultimately lead to the elimination of certain activities that are
2.26 proposed to be limited by a plan must be emphasized.

2.27 Subd. 7. **Other states.** Every plan must include a review of the activities of other
2.28 states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including a review of budgetary initiatives to
2.29 achieve reductions.

2.30 Subd. 8. **Stakeholder involvement.** Public comment must be solicited in the
2.31 development of the plan. The commissioners of commerce and the pollution control
2.32 agency shall make a formal presentation of the plan to the Legislative Electric Energy Task
2.33 Force at a meeting called for that purpose in November of each year. The commissioner
2.34 shall provide the task force members with a preliminary draft plan by October 1 of each
2.35 year.