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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2712

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to greenhouse gas emissions; requiring a study.

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

1.4 Section 1. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION STRATEGY; REPORT.

1.5 (a) The commissioner of commerce must develop benchmarks and strategies designed
1.6 to significantly accelerate the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota by 2030,
1.7 including strategies to:

1.8 (1) increase energy efficiency in all buildings, including residential buildings;

1.9 (2) provide consumers with tools to manage energy use automatically, remotely, and
1.10 electronically;

1.11 (3) present consumers with financial incentives to shift energy use to periods when
1.12 systemwide demand and the cost of generation are low;

1.13 (4) electrify all sectors of the economy currently powered by fossil fuels;

1.14 (5) increase carbon sequestration in Minnesota lands and wetlands;

1.15 (6) incentivize the adoption of energy storage systems to accelerate the use of wind and
1.16 solar resources; and

1.17 (7) modernize the electric grid and promote the use of distributed energy resources.

1.18 (b) By November 30, 2019, the commissioner shall submit a report containing the
1.19 benchmarks and strategies to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
1.20 committees with primary jurisdiction over energy policy.