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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; providing for a coal energy standard; proposing coding for
1.3 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

1.5 Section 1. [216B.1696] COAL ENERGY STANDARD.

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

1.8 (b) "Electric utility" means a public utility providing electric service, a generation
1.9 and transmission cooperative electric association, a municipal power agency, or a power
1.10 district.

1.11 (c) "Total retail electric sales" means the kilowatt-hours of electricity sold in a year
1.12 by an electric utility to retail customers of the electric utility or to a distribution utility for
1.13 distribution to the retail customers of the distribution utility.

1.14 Subd. 2. Coal standard. Each electric utility shall generate or procure sufficient
1.15 electricity generated by coal technology to provide its retail customers in Minnesota, or
1.16 the retail customers of a distribution utility to which the electric utility provides wholesale
1.17 electric service, so that at least .... percent of the electric utility's total retail electric sales
1.18 to retail customers in Minnesota are generated by coal in calendar year .... and each
1.19 calendar year thereafter.

1.20 Subd. 3. Exemption. The prohibitions in section 216H.03, subdivision 3, do not
1.21 apply to electricity generated by a coal-fired electric generation facility that is necessary to
1.22 meet the standard of subdivision 2.