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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3968

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to energy; prohibiting solar energy generating system site permits in  
1.3 certain instances; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter  
1.4 216E.

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

1.6 Section 1. [216E.023] SOLAR SYSTEM SITING PROHIBITION; TREE  
1.7 CUTTING.

1.8 No state or local site permit may be issued for a solar energy generating system that  
1.9 would contribute to meeting the requirements of section 216B.1691, subdivision 2f, or  
1.10 that is governed under section 216B.1641, if the site permit application proposes to cut  
1.11 down more than 75 percent of the trees standing in an area exceeding three acres in order  
1.12 to accommodate construction of the solar energy generating system on the site.

1.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.