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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to energy; establishing setbacks for certain solar energy generating systems;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216E.01, subdivision 5; proposing
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216E.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216E.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5. **Large electric power generating plant.** "Large electric power generating
1.8 plant" ~~shall mean~~ means electric power generating equipment and associated facilities
1.9 designed ~~for~~ to operate or capable of ~~operation~~ operating at a capacity of:

1.10 (1) 50,000 kilowatts or more; or

1.11 (2) for a solar electric generating system, 5,000 kilowatts or more.

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

1.13 Sec. 2. **[216E.022] SETBACKS; SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS.**

1.14 A permit must not be granted under this chapter to construct a solar energy generating
1.15 system located within:

1.16 (1) 250 feet of a public road right-of-way;

1.17 (2) 500 feet of a state trail or other recreational trail;

1.18 (3) three-quarters of a mile of a state park or county park; or

1.19 (4) three-quarters of a mile of a wildlife management area.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
2.2 applies to all solar energy generating systems commencing construction on or after that
2.3 date.