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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to energy; modifying the solar energy incentive program; making technical

1.3 changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 116C.7792.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 116C.7792, is amended to read:

1.6 **116C.7792 SOLAR ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

1.7 The utility subject to section 116C.779 shall must operate a program to provide solar

1.8 energy production incentives for solar energy systems of no more than a total nameplate

1.9 capacity of ~~20~~ 40 kilowatts direct current. The program shall must be operated ~~for eight~~

1.10 ~~consecutive calendar years commencing in 2014~~ until December 31, 2023. ~~\$5,000,000 shall~~

1.11 ~~be allocated in each of the first four years, \$15,000,000 in the fifth year, \$10,000,000 in~~

1.12 ~~each of the sixth and seventh years, and \$5,000,000 in the eighth~~ each year is allocated from

1.13 funds withheld from transfer to the renewable development account under section 116C.779,

1.14 subdivision 1, paragraphs (b) and (e), and placed in a separate solar production incentive

1.15 program ~~account for the purpose of the solar production incentive program~~. The solar system

1.16 must be sized to less than 120 percent of the customer's on-site annual energy consumption.

1.17 The production incentive must be paid for ten years commencing with the commissioning

1.18 of the system. The utility must file a plan to operate the program with the commissioner of

1.19 commerce. The utility may not operate the program until it is approved by the commissioner.