

SB 538 -- Redline

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net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.

1315:1 Findings and Purpose.

2315:2 New Paragraph;

3315:3 Effective Date.

~~LBA~~Approved: ~~26-2118 4/7/26 SB 538-FN FISCAL NOTE AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT # 2026-1101s) AN
ACT extending net metering eligibility terms for municipal energy projects.~~

FISCALJuly IMPACT:10, 2026 Effective Date:

~~This~~September ~~bill~~08, ~~does~~2026 not provide funding, nor does it authorize new positions.

~~Estimated State Impact FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 Revenue \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 Revenue Fund(s) None
Expenditures* \$0 \$121,000 \$125,000 \$126,000 Funding Source(s) Renewable Energy Fund Appropriations* \$0
\$0 \$0 \$0 Funding Source(s) *Expenditure - Cost of bill *Appropriation - Authorized funding to cover cost
of bill METHODOLOGY:~~

~~This bill extends eligibility for certain customer generators used by political subdivisions to receive
compensation under the Public Utilities Commission's alternative net-metering tariffs for a minimum term
and establishes conditions for transitioning to future tariffs.~~

~~The Department of Energy states this bill will result in an increase in state expenditures beginning in
FY 2027.~~

~~The bill is expected to increase the number of municipal group net metering and interconnection
applications requiring review and processing, which the Department indicates cannot be absorbed within
existing staffing.~~

~~The Department anticipates the need for one full-time Business Specialist (SOC13-07) to support the
additional workload.~~

~~The estimated cost for this position is \$121,000 in FY 2027, \$125,000 in FY 2028 and \$126,000 in FY
2029.~~

~~These expenditures would be paid from the Renewable Energy Fund (REF).~~

~~If these positions are authorized, it is assumed the funding for these positions would be included in
the Department's FY 2028 - FY 2029 budget request.~~

~~The Public Utilities Commission states they could absorb the new requirements within this bill into
their existing budget.~~

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