

MINNESOTA'S PATHWAY TO 100%

Legislation has been introduced that creates a pathway for Minnesota's transition to 100% clean energy.

WHAT'S IN THE BILL?

Definitions

This legislation defines “renewable” energy as electricity produced from solar, wind, small hydroelectric facilities, hydrogen and biomass. It defines “carbon-free” energy as electricity produced without emitting carbon from sources like nuclear energy which are not renewable.

Renewable and Carbon-Free Energy Standards

This legislation creates a set of renewable and carbon-free energy targets for Minnesota's utilities to meet between now and 2050.

Targets for Xcel Energy

2026 – 55% renewable
2030 – 60% renewable
2035 – 85% renewable
2045 – 100% carbon free

Targets for Other Utilities

2030 – 55% renewable
2035 – 80% renewable
2050 – 100% carbon free

Flexibility for Meeting Our Goals

This legislation allows our state to change this plan if meeting our targets significantly effects energy costs or reliability for Minnesotans. It also allows modification for future unknowns like new technology, environmental impacts, and obstacles to building our new energy infrastructure.

Requirements for a Transition that Benefits Everyone Across the State

This legislation requires our state to meet these targets in a way that maximizes the benefits for all Minnesotans, particularly those most affected by the clean energy transition. It does this by directing the Public Utilities Commission to ensure that we create high-paying jobs, protect workers, strengthen impacted communities, and reduce air pollution while maintain affordable electricity, particularly for low-income Minnesotans.

If we take the initiative, our state can be powered by 100% clean and equitable energy that benefits all Minnesotans.