

Solar Generation Incentive Program

HB 3405 by Rep. Swinford

AECT Position: Neutral

Proposals

- HB 3405 would establish a solar generation incentive program, which creates a goal of installing at least 3,000 MW of solar generation capacity by 2020, 1,000 MW of which must be distributed renewable generation. The PUC would administer the program.
- Electric utility program costs would be recovered through a nonbypassable fee of not less than \$0.000636/kWh.
- The incentive provided would be not less than \$2.40/W for residential installation; \$1.50/W for commercial installation; and \$1.10 for industrial installation.

AECT Position

- AECT member companies support the implementation of alternative energy technologies as they become economically viable and in demand by customers. Allowing market participants the flexibility to meet customer demand is the best process for supporting new technologies.
- Customers who seek to use these technologies should be allowed the opportunity to weigh the benefits versus the costs and choose accordingly, but those customers should not be able to shift costs to other customers.
- Alternative energy resource development must be closely coordinated with the utilities whose job it is to provide electric service to customers. This is particularly important with new technologies designed to interconnect with the current electric system.
- Mandates of experimental or developing technologies can add costs to the market, which are ultimately borne by customers.
- AECT remains committed to a long-term transition to future energy solutions, but our state must do so in a manner that is rational, measured and does not impose an unreasonable financial burden on customers or market participants.