



Legislation Text

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Resolution Supporting Adoption of the Michigan Renewable Energy Sources Act

Whereas, State Representative Kathleen Law introduced House Bill 5218 that shall be known as the “Michigan Renewable Energy Sources Act” on September 15, 2007;

Whereas, HB 5218 would require certain providers of electric service to purchase electricity from eligible renewable electric generators;

Whereas, HB 5218 would enable the rapid and sustainable development of Michigan’s abundant renewable energy resources for the clean generation of electricity;

Whereas, HB 5218 would protect our atmosphere from air pollution, our climate from global warming, and our natural resources from degradation;

Whereas, HB 5218 would reduce the volatility of future energy prices and the long term costs of electricity;

Whereas, HB 5218 would stimulate the development of new jobs, technologies, and industry;

Whereas HB 5218 would create a market place for the development of renewable energy and place Michigan at the forefront of North America’s renewable energy revolution;

Whereas HB 5218 would allow Michigan’s citizens to participate in renewable electricity generation;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor City Council passed a “Resolution to Set Renewable Energy Goals for the City of Ann Arbor” May 1, 2006, establishing a goal of 30% renewable energy for municipal operations by 2010, a goal of 20% renewable energy for the Ann Arbor Community by 2015, and a goal of 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the Ann Arbor Community by 2015; and

Whereas HB 5218 will encourage the citizens of Ann Arbor to install and operate eligible renewable electric generators and contribute to the achievement of the Ann Arbor renewable energy goals;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council supports the concept of “Feed in Tariffs” as proposed in HB 5218 and encourages the Michigan Legislature and Governor Granholm to adopt and authorize a Michigan Renewable Energy Sources Act.