

HB 747 -- Renewable Energy Standards

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This bill changes the laws regarding the renewable energy standards enacted by Proposition C in 2008. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows either the production or purchase of renewable energy credits (REC) to meet the energy standards established in Section 393.1030, RSMo; requires, between 2011 and 2013, all energy or credits to be earned or purchased anywhere in the United States; requires, between 2014 and 2020, all energy or credits to be derived from generation located within the territory of the regional transmission organizations serving Missouri utilities; and requires, after 2020, all energy or credits to be derived from generation located in Missouri or any contiguous state;
- (2) Specifies that an electric utility can comply with the standard by purchasing credits without purchasing or delivering the associated energy to Missouri customers;
- (3) Allows any unused credits purchased or generated to be used to meet the standard in any year for up to three years from the date of its creation;
- (4) Specifies that any future federal regulations involving mandatory renewable energy requirements must supersede the provisions of the bill and any regulations established by the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to the bill; and
- (5) Sets a maximum cap for compliance with the energy standard requirements of Section 393.1030 at 1% of the annual revenue requirement established by the commission in its most recent general rate proceeding. The procedures for determining the net cost of compliance and other costs are specified in the bill. An electric utility may recover all reasonable and prudent costs of complying with the renewable mandates in the retail rates charged by the utility.