

HB 1548 -- SOLAR GARDEN PROJECT

SPONSOR: McNeil

This bill establishes the Solar Garden Project Act that allows a tax deduction for ownership of a solar garden under specified circumstances.

Beginning August 28, 2017, the Public Service Commission must establish rules to incentivize the construction and operation of solar garden pilot energy products by electric utilities regulated by the commission. The bill specifies the rules that the commission must enact relating to the pilot projects.

These provisions must not require the mandatory construction or operation of a solar garden pilot energy project, and no individual customer subscriber must be considered an electric utility by reason of a purchase of ownership interests in a solar garden.

The provisions of the bill regarding the tax deduction will expire December 31 six years after the effective date of bill.

This bill is similar to HB 1169 (2015).