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Summary: Energy System Freedom of Ownership Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "ENERGY SYSTEM FREEDOM OF OWNERSHIP ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 52, TITLE 48 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A THIRD PARTY MAY SELL ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY FROM A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY BY THIRD PARTIES DOES NOT SUBJECT THE SELLER TO REGULATION AS A PUBLIC UTILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE, TO IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ON FEES CHARGED BY A UTILITY TO A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE MAY PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-25 SO AS TO EXEMPT RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES FROM PROVISIONS GOVERNING ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

03/19/13	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
03/19/13	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 6)
03/27/13	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Hutto, Turner
04/02/14	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 7)
04/03/14	Senate	Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 30)