

LEC Working Group Proposal

LEC Objective: To study and make recommendations for legislation concerning energy policies in this state and the degree to which they promote an environmentally and economically sustainable energy future

3.8851 Legislative Energy Commission, 2008 Minnesota Statutes, Subd. 2.

Subcommittees. The commission may establish subcommittees as necessary to perform its duties.

LEC Process: Assemble the following working groups around the issues listed below. Working groups will meet and otherwise communicate informally amongst themselves and with stakeholders to develop legislative recommendations.

1. Energy efficiency and conservation:

How does Minnesota build/expand our conservation and efficiency efforts?

- CIP
- Decoupling
- Weatherization
- ARRA oversight
- Appliance efficiency standards
- Building codes
- Energy use disclosures

2. Energy reliability and sustainability:

What are our energy needs in the short-term and the long-term and how do we meet these needs?

- Transmission
- Distributed generation
- Nuclear energy
- Geothermal energy
- Solar energy
- Wind energy

3. Energy and the environment:

How do we meet our carbon reduction and renewable energy goals?

- MCCAG review and implementation
- Cap and trade
- Transportation policy
- Agricultural policy
- Biofuels
- Cellulosic ethanol

4. Energy and the economy:

How do our policies promote an economically sustainable energy future?

- Green Jobs
- Ratemaking procedures

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5. Emerging energy technology:

How do we promote/encourage the development of cutting-edge technology?

- SmartGrid
- Nanotechnology
- Carbon capture and sequestration
- Integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC)
- PV
- Battery storage