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## 2013 SENATE BILL 474

January 7, 2014 – Introduced by Senators FARROW, PETROWSKI, GROTHMAN and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives KRUG, KUGLITSCH, KULP, SEVERSON, T. LARSON and KAHL. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Public Works, and Telecommunications.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 196.378 (2) (a) 2. d. and 196.378 (2) (a) 2. e.; and **to create**  
2             196.378 (2) (a) 2. f. of the statutes; **relating to:** renewable energy portfolio  
3             standards.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, electric utilities and retail electric cooperatives (electric providers) are required to ensure that, in a given year, a specified percentage of the electricity that the utility or cooperative sells to customers is renewable energy. These requirements are commonly referred to as renewable portfolio standards (RPSs), and they include deadlines that apply to an electric provider's renewable energy percentage (REP). In general, an electric provider's REP for a particular year is the percentage that results from dividing the renewable energy sold in year, augmented by certain credits, by the total electricity sold in that year. For the year 2009, current law prohibited an electric provider from decreasing its REP below its baseline renewable percentage (BRP), which is defined as the average of the electric provider's REP for 2001, 2002, and 2003. For the year 2010, current law required an electric provider to increase its REP at least two percentage points above its BRP. For the years 2011 to 2014, current law prohibits an electric provider from decreasing its REP below the percentage required in 2010. For the year 2015, current law requires an electric provider to increase its REP at least six percentage points above its BRP, and for each year thereafter, current law prohibits an electric provider from decreasing its REP below the percentage required in 2015.

This bill creates an exception to the above requirements for the years 2015 and thereafter. The exception applies to an electric provider whose BRP exceeds 12

