December 17, 2021 – Introduced by Senators AGARD, LARSON, JOHNSON, ERPNBACH, ROYS, L. TAYLOR and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, ANDRACA, HAYWOOD, ANDERSON, BROSTOFF, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HEBL, HONG, B. MEYERS, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Energy.

AN ACT to amend 196.374 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes; relating to: funding of the Focus on Energy program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes changes to the funding of statewide energy efficiency and renewable resources programs, known as Focus on Energy, that current law requires investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to fund. Under the bill, the Public Service Commission must require those utilities to spend 2.4 percent of their annual operating revenues derived from retail sales to fund Focus on Energy and related programs. Under current law, the amount those utilities must spend is 1.2 percent of their annual operating revenues from retail sales.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 196.374 (3) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

196.374 (3) (b) 2. The commission shall require each energy utility to spend 1.2
2.4 percent of its annual operating revenues derived from retail sales to fund the utility’s programs under sub. (2) (b) 1., the utility’s ordered programs, the utility’s
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share of the statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource programs under sub. (2) (a) 1., and the utility's share, as determined by the commission under subd. 4., of the costs incurred by the commission in administering this section.

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