



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1873/P2
KP:emw

DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0568 - Voluntary innovative technology programs

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION

Energy utility innovative technology programs

This bill allows investor-owned energy utilities to establish innovative technology programs. Under the bill, a program must first be approved by the PSC, and an energy utility may pay for the program by charging its customers or by another method approved by the PSC. The bill also requires the PSC to promulgate rules and establish goals, priorities, and measurable targets related to these programs.

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

SECTION 1. 196.379 of the statutes is created to read:

196.379 Voluntary innovative technology programs. (1) In this section, "energy utility" has the meaning given in s. 196.374 (1) (e).

(2) (a) An energy utility may, with commission approval, administer or fund a voluntary innovative technology program. An energy utility may pay for a program under this subsection through rate charges to customers of the energy utility, as approved by the commission, or by another method approved by the commission.

(b) The commission shall promulgate rules related to implementing a program under this subsection.

(c) Upon approving a program under this subsection, the commission shall establish an initial pilot period for the program and a timeline for reevaluating the program. The commission shall reevaluate a program under this subsection according to the timeline established under this paragraph and shall set or revise goals, priorities, and measurable targets for the program.

(d) The commission may not order an energy utility to administer or fund a program under this subsection.

(e) An energy utility that administers or funds a program under this subsection may request at any time, and the commission may approve an energy utility's request, to modify or discontinue, in whole or in part, the program.

(END)