



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0346

Title: Revise renewable energy laws

Primary Sponsor: Welch, Tom

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 346 clarifies that solar panel electric generation systems are class 13 property unless they are a non-commercial or a small power production facility as defined under 16 U.S.C. 796(17)(A). This is effectively current law. This bill has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Revenue

1. HB 346 clarifies that solar panel electric generation systems are class 13 property unless they are a non-commercial or small power production facility as defined under 16 U.S.C. 796(17)(A).
2. The department would already consider large solar power generation as class 13 property so there is no functional change in outcome due to this code clarification.
3. HB 346 also severs the Montana definition of a small power production facility from the federal definition by lowering the threshold nameplate megawatt capacity from 80 megawatts to 50 megawatts.
4. No solar generation facilities in Montana are affected by this lower threshold change in definition.


Sponsor's Initials

2-16-21
Date


Budget Director's Initials

2/15/21
Date