

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2015

3 SENATE BILL NO. 351

By: Newberry

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6 An Act relating to renewable energy standards;
7 amending 17 O.S. 801.4, which relates to renewable
8 energy standard goals; allowing certain steam export
9 capacity to count toward certain goal; and declaring
10 an emergency.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 2011, Section 801.4, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 801.4. A. The Legislature declares that it is in the
15 public interest to promote renewable energy development in order to
16 best utilize the abundant natural resources found in this state.

17 B. It is hereby declared the intent of the State of Oklahoma to
18 increase the use of renewable energy in the state by setting a
19 renewable energy standard that will serve as a goal to be reached by
20 the year 2015.

21 C. There is hereby established a renewable energy standard for
22 the state that will serve as a goal for the year 2015. The
23 renewable energy standard shall be a goal that fifteen percent (15%)
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1 of all installed capacity of electricity generation within the state
2 by the year 2015 be generated from renewable energy sources.

3 D. For purposes of this section, qualifying renewable energy
4 resources shall include:

5 1. Wind;

6 2. Solar;

7 3. Photovoltaic;

8 4. Hydropower;

9 5. Hydrogen;

10 6. Geothermal;

11 7. Biomass, which projects may include agricultural crops,
12 wastes, and residues, wood, animal and other degradable organic
13 wastes, municipal solid waste, and landfill gas;

14 8. Distributed generation from an eligible renewable energy
15 resource where the generating facility or any integrated cluster of
16 such facilities has an installed generating capacity of not more
17 than five (5) megawatts;

18 9. Other renewable sources approved by the Commission; and

19 10. Demand side management and energy efficiency as provided in
20 Section 6 of this act.

21 E. Steam export capacity at a qualified renewable energy
22 resource shall count toward the goal established in subsection C of
23 this section.

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1 F. The annual renewable energy percentage shall be determined
2 by dividing all installed capacity of renewable electricity
3 generation in Oklahoma by the total installed capacity of all
4 electricity generation in Oklahoma. Every electricity generating
5 entity or company operating electricity generation facilities in
6 Oklahoma shall report to the Commission by March 1 each year the
7 installed capacity of each of its generating facilities, the number
8 of kilowatt hours generated by each facility in Oklahoma and from
9 which source of energy the electricity was produced.

10 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
15 February 19, 2015 - DO PASS

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