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2015 SENATE BILL 773

March 3, 2016 – Introduced by Senators RISSER, MILLER and C. LARSON, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, SARGENT, HEBL, KAHL, BERCEAU, SINICKI, CONSIDINE and SPREITZER. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Consumer Protection.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 196.378 (2) (a) 1.; and *to create* 16.75 (12) (b) 3., 196.378 (2)
2 (a) 1g. and 196.378 (2) (a) 1r. of the statutes; **relating to:** renewable energy
3 goals for state energy consumption and for energy use by certain state agencies.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Administration to establish new renewable energy goals for certain state agencies.

Current law requires DOA to establish goals for the following state agencies: DOA, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. One of the goals was that, by December 31, 2011, at least 20 percent of the total amount of electric energy generated or purchased by the state for power, heating, or cooling purposes for state-owned or leased facilities for all of the foregoing agencies is derived from renewable resources. Current law defines a “renewable resource” as a resource that generates electricity from any of the following: 1) certain renewable fuel cells; 2) tidal or wave action; 3) solar thermal electric or photovoltaic energy; 4) wind power; 5) geothermal technology; 6) biomass; 7) synthetic gas created by the plasma gasification of waste; 8) certain densified fuel pellets made from waste material other than garbage; 9) fuel produced by pyrolysis of organic or waste material; and 10) hydroelectric facilities. In addition, the Public Service Commission is allowed to promulgate rules identifying other types of renewable resources. Current law requires DOA to submit annual reports to the governor and legislature on the degree of attainment regarding the goals.

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This bill requires DOA to establish new goals for the foregoing agencies. Under the bill, DOA must establish goals for the agencies that are designed to accomplish the goal that, by December 31, 2025, at least 30 percent of total annual amount of electric energy generated or purchased by the state for power, heating, or cooling purposes for state-owned or leased facilities for all of the agencies is derived from renewable resources. As under current law, DOA will be required to submit annual reports to the governor and legislature on the degree of attainment regarding the goals.

The bill also imposes a reporting requirement on the PSC. Current law requires the PSC to prepare a report no later than June 1, 2016, that states whether, by December 31, 2015, the state has met a goal that 10 percent of all electric energy consumed in the state is derived from renewable resources. If the goal is not achieved, the report must indicate why the goal was not achieved and how it may be achieved, and the PSC must prepare similar reports biennially thereafter until the goal is achieved. The PSC must submit the reports to the governor and legislature. This bill requires the PSC to prepare another report, no later than June 1, 2026, that states whether, by December 31, 2025, the state has met a goal that 25 percent of all electric energy consumed in the state is derived from renewable resources. If the goal is not achieved, the report must indicate why the goal was not achieved and how it may be achieved, and the PSC must prepare similar reports biennially thereafter until the goal is achieved. The bill requires the PSC to submit the reports to the governor and legislature.

For further information see the *state* 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 16.75 (12) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

2 16.75 **(12)** (b) 3. That the renewable percentage for total annual electric energy
3 by December 31, 2025, is at least 30 percent.

4 **SECTION 2.** 196.378 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 196.378 **(2)** (a) 1. No later than June 1, 2016, the commission shall prepare a
6 report stating whether, by December 31, 2015, the state has met a goal of 10 percent
7 of all electric energy consumed in the state being renewable energy. If the goal has
8 not been achieved, the report shall indicate why the goal was not achieved and how
9 it may be achieved, and the commission shall prepare similar reports biennially

