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H 1136. FREEDOM TO CHOOSE CLEAN ENERGY (=S 1077). *TO ENHANCE AIR AND WATER QUALITY AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT BY ALLOWING ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PRODUCERS OF RENEWABLE RESOURCE ENERGY.*

Directs Utility Comm'n to require each electric utility to (1) allow its customers voluntarily to contribute one dollar or more per billing period, in addition to the amount owed for residential electric power use, to support certain hydroelectric facilities that are not owned by utilities and (2) to effect interconnection with these hydroelectric generators. Provides for calculation of rates and handling of funds to be remitted from electric utilities to eligible hydroelectric generators both for on-peak and off-peak hours. Provides for fifteen year interconnection contracts between utilities and eligible generators.

Intro. by Culp and Hackney.

Ref. to Public Utilities

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