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**H 1440. NC RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET CREATION.** Filed 4/9/09. *TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKETS AND INDUSTRIES BY REQUIRING ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES, ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATIONS, AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT SELL ELECTRIC POWER TO RETAIL ELECTRIC POWER CUSTOMERS TO CONNECT RENEWABLE ENERGY ELECTRICITY FACILITIES IN THE STATE TO THE GRID AND PURCHASE ALL THE ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCED AT THESE FACILITIES AT CERTAIN FEED-IN RATES ESTABLISHED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION.*

Adds new GS 62-133.10 as title indicates. Requires the NC Utilities Commission to report annually on the program beginning October 1, 2010. The new program is intended to complement the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards program and is subject to the statute governing that program's cost limitations, cost recovery provisions, and requirements and schedules. Requires an electric utility to connect a renewable energy electricity facility, upon request, to the grid and to purchase and transmit the electricity produced from the facility. The utility must pay the producer the feed-in rate for at least 20 years, as agreed by contract. Effective January 1, 2010.

**Intro. by Harrison.**

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July 16, 2009

**H 1440. STUDY FEED-IN RATES (NEW).** Filed 4/9/09. House committee substitute deletes all provisions of the 1st edition and replaces it with *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL TO JOINTLY STUDY FEED-IN RATES.* Authorizes the Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee (Committee) and the Energy Policy Council (Council) to jointly study the feasibility and suitability of establishing feed-in rates to be paid to renewable energy electricity producers by electric power suppliers for each kilowatt-hour of electricity produced. Provides definitions for the following terms as they are used in this act: (1) electric power supplier, (2) renewable energy resource, (3) renewable energy electricity facility, and (4) renewable energy electricity producer. Specifies matters that the study may consider and authorizes the Committee and the Council to consider any other matters they deem appropriate. Provides that the Committee and the Council may consult with the NC Utilities Commission and the Public Staff to the Utilities Commission in undertaking this study. Provides that the Committee and the Council may submit an interim report and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly. Requires the submission of the final report and any recommendations on or before the convening of the 2011 General Assembly.