

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2237

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Morefield

**3. Committee:** Commerce and Labor

**4. Title:** Renewable energy portfolio standard program; coalbed methane gas.

**5. Summary:** This bill allows electricity generated from the combustion of coalbed methane gas to be counted by an investor-owned electric utility in meeting the goals of the renewable energy portfolio standard program. In conjunction with this change, references to 'renewable energy' in the context of eligible sources of the generation of electricity are revised to refer to 'renewable or alternative' energy.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Both the State Corporation Commission and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy anticipate that this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the state.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** State Corporation Commission, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is identical to SB1392.

**Date:** January 24, 2011

c: Secretary of Commerce and Trade