
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 993

AN ACT ASSESSING AN ANNUAL FEE AGAINST CERTAIN CLASS I RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE INSTALLATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires developers of certain Class I renewable energy source projects (e.g., wind or solar) to pay an annual assessment to the municipality where the project is located. The assessment is \$5 per kilowatt of capacity. For solar projects, capacity is measured as “solar energy plant capacity,” meaning the aggregate alternating current nameplate capacity for all inverters used to convert the plant’s energy output to alternating current. For all other projects, “plant capacity” is the plant’s rated electrical nameplate capacity. (Generally, a system’s rated nameplate capacity is its maximum output under optimal conditions.)

The bill’s annual assessment requirement applies to facilities (1) installed on or after July 1, 2021; (2) designed to generate more energy annually than their location’s annual load; and (3) with a plant capacity or solar energy plant capacity over 50 kilowatts.

Under the bill, anyone required to pay the assessment must file an annual declaration with the municipality’s tax collector, in a form and manner the collector prescribes, stating the (1) amount of plant capacity or solar energy plant capacity in kilowatts and (2) calculated fee amount. The bill provides that the fee is due, payable, and collectible as municipal taxes, subject to the same liens and collection processes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/18/2021)