

HB 911 -- Solar and Wind Incentive Program

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This bill establishes the Solar and Wind Incentive Program in the Department of Natural Resources to provide financial incentives for the purchase and installation of solar photovoltaic systems or wind turbines. A person who installs a solar photovoltaic system or wind turbine that meets certain installation, interconnection, and building code requirements may apply for financial assistance. Subject to appropriations and upon approval by both the local utility company and the department, applicants will receive one-half of the cost of installing the solar system or wind turbine; but the total amount received cannot exceed \$12,000. Assistance will be allowed only once to an individual every three years. Local utility companies will certify that an applicant has complied with the installation, interconnection, and building code requirements; and the applicant must present a receipt of installation. The total expenditure for the program will be capped at \$500,000 per year.

The provisions of the bill will expire five years from the effective date.