

## HB 1051 -- Higher Education Energy Savings Project

Sponsor: Thomson

This bill establishes the Higher Education Energy Savings Project, a pilot project at Northwest Missouri State University, to encourage and fund reduced energy use on the campus by purchasing or generating energy from renewable sources or recycled materials, improving or replacing central plant equipment and distribution systems, and implementing other energy saving measures. By January 1, 2011, the university must submit an energy saving project proposal to the Energy Center of the Department of Natural Resources for its review and approval. The Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority within the department may issue up to \$12 million in bonds for the project; and grants, donations, state appropriations, and federal stimulus funds may also be used. The university must report annually to the General Assembly on the project's progress.

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