



INVESTING IN CLEAN ENERGY AND SOLUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Minnesotans are asking legislators to address the climate crisis, and House DFLers are listening. We want to seize the once-in-a-generation opportunity to make Minnesota a clean energy leader. If we act now, we can boost our economy and secure a bright future for the next generation of Minnesotans. That's why we're investing in innovative solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create jobs, and lower the cost of energy.

Reducing Energy Costs

House DFLers are committed to lowering the cost of energy. We're expanding the Weatherization Assistance Program to help low-income Minnesotans make their homes safer and more energy efficient. As a result, people could save hundreds of dollars a year. Investments in weatherization will help create jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We're also expanding eligibility for PACE, a program that helps commercial property owners with renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. Under this legislation, farmers will be eligible for financial assistance.

Mitigating Climate Change

Transitioning to clean energy is one of the most effective ways to combat the climate crisis. House DFLers are also providing funds to help communities develop and implement climate action plans. We're working hard to make sure all Minnesotans – especially those who are disproportionately impacted by climate change – can access jobs and other benefits created during the transition to clean energy. We're providing support for communities that will be affected as well.

Investing in Clean Energy

House DFLers are investing in several clean energy initiatives that will mitigate and prevent climate change. We're expanding Solar for Schools – a popular grant program that helps schools purchase and install solar panels – and creating a similar program for local governments. Our plan contains funding to extend Xcel Energy's Solar Rewards program, research and develop clean energy technology, and support sources of energy that are cleaner, cheaper, and more reliable than fossil fuels. Building new solar and wind plants is often cheaper than operating existing fossil fuel plants, so this could help lower energy costs. It will also create many good-paying jobs.

Increasing Resilience

Our plan will help communities withstand severe weather, impacts of climate change, and other issues. In addition to delivering funds for critical infrastructure improvements, we're investing in energy storage. This will strengthen Minnesota's electrical grid, make clean energy more affordable, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. It will make our state less dependent on energy imported from other locations as well.