

6658-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water  
(originally sponsored by Senators Poulsen, Hale, Regala, Morton,  
Fraser, Keiser and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Clarifying the types of energy conservation  
projects a public utility may assist its customers in financing.

**SB 6658-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS PASSED LEGISLATURE)

Declares an intent to encourage and support a broad array of cost-effective energy conservation by electric utilities and customers alike by clarifying that public utilities may assist in the financing of projects that allow customers to generate their own electricity from renewable resources that do not depend on commercial sources of fuel thereby reducing the amount of electricity a public utility needs to generate or acquire on their customers' behalf.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, "conservation purposes in existing structures" may include projects to allow a municipal electric utility's customers to generate all or a portion of their own electricity through the on-site installation of a distributed electricity generation system that uses as its fuel solar, wind, geothermal, or hydropower, or other renewable resource that is available on-site and not from a commercial source.

Declares that such projects shall not be considered "a conversion from one energy source to another" which is limited to the change or substitution of one commercial energy supplier for another commercial energy supplier.