

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 284

Reps. Markkanen, LaGrand, Rabhi, Rogers, Hood, Steckloff, Howell, Sowerby, Roth, Rendon and Beson offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to requesting information from the Michigan
2 Attorney General regarding evidence or testimony submitted to the
3 Michigan Public Service Commission in electric utility rates cases
4 pertaining to residential customers in the distributed generation
5 program.

6 Whereas, In 2016, the Michigan Legislature approved Public Act
7 341 on a broad bi-partisan basis to restructure numerous aspects of
8 Michigan's electric utility system, including policies related to
9 customers operating solar energy systems at their homes; and

10 Whereas, The Legislature directed the Michigan Public Service
11 Commission to establish a new tariff and rate structure, known as

1 the distributed generation program, for residential customers to be
2 compensated for any surplus electricity supplied to the grid, based
3 on an equitable cost of service; and

4 Whereas, The Commission has complied with this requirement by
5 establishing an "inflow-outflow" tariff within the distributed
6 generation program that identifies an equitable cost of service and
7 fair rate of compensation to residential customers; and

8 Whereas, The Michigan Senate respectfully requested through
9 Senate Resolution 142 of 2020 that the Commission conduct a rate
10 design study to determine if the distributed generation program was
11 structured in a manner that would comply with the statutory
12 equitable cost of service standard; and

13 Whereas, The study conducted by the Commission in response to
14 Senate Resolution 142 concluded that the distributed generation
15 "inflow-outflow" tariff determined in rate cases does serve to
16 provide an equitable cost of service outcome for residential solar
17 customers; and

18 Whereas, Since the establishment of the distributed generation
19 program, a series of rate cases have been filed by various
20 regulated utilities requesting additional charges, fees, or unique
21 rates be applied to residential customers; and

22 Whereas, It has been reported that the proposed charges, fees,
23 or rates would penalize residential solar customers with higher
24 costs for their energy use even while providing surplus energy to
25 the grid; and

26 Whereas, The Michigan Attorney General routinely serves as an
27 intervening party in rate cases before the Commission; now,
28 therefore, be it

29 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we request the

1 Michigan Attorney General to provide to the House Energy Committee
2 a written summary of evidence or testimony submitted to the
3 Michigan Public Service Commission by the Attorney General in
4 response to rate cases filed by regulated utilities after June 1,
5 2018, pertaining to the distributed generation program; and be it
6 further

7 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
8 Michigan Attorney General.