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Breaux proposes amendment to promote net-metering for homeowners, schools, local government

INDIANAPOLIS—State Senator Jean Breaux (D-Indianapolis) introduced an amendment to Senate Bill (SB) 313 today that would limit the size of net metering systems for utility customers who generate some of their own power through solar, wind or other means. The amendment was defeated.

“Net metering is intended to promote small renewable energy systems for homeowners, farmers, office buildings, schools, and city and county governments,” said Breaux. “This amendment would make sure that customers are constructing their renewable energy systems for their own estimated annual use and not for profit.”

Breaux’s amendment complies with net metering best practices and provides that a customer’s system should be built to a size that supplies no more than the customer’s annual energy necessities and should not exceed a maximum of two megawatts.

Net metering allows for the measurement of both the usage and production of electricity. Small-scale renewable energy production has grown in popularity through the use of modern wind mills, high efficiency solar panels, and other mechanisms. The practice can reduce the demand from power plants and increase the amount of alternative energy available on the utility grid.

For more information on Senator Breaux, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.in.gov.

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EDITORS NOTE: Audio of Sen. Breaux’s comments from the senate floor can be found at:
http://www.in.gov/legislative/senate_democrats/files/Breaux.SB313NetMeteringAmend.012810.MP3

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