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Senate approves bill to promote renewable energy development
Bill would create grant program for biomass infrastructure projects

INDIANAPOLIS— The Senate voted 50 to 0 today to approve House Bill (HB) 1261, sponsored by State Senator Sue Errington (D-Muncie). The proposal would award grants from the agricultural biomass infrastructure grant fund for infrastructure projects, including the purchase of renewable fuel, compatible fueling stations or renovations to a fueling station that is not renewable fuel compatible.

Biomass means agriculturally based sources of renewable energy such as agricultural crops, agricultural wastes and residues, wood and wood byproducts, animal wastes, aquatic plants and algae.

“Biomass and biofuels are going to be an important part of our future energy market,” said Errington. “This bill gives biomass producers the tools they need to build and expand the infrastructure required to deliver these renewable energy products.”

HB 1261 would help to promote projects to create the renewable energy system infrastructure necessary for the production and distribution of biomass and biofuels in the state. The grants would be awarded to only those infrastructure expenses incurred after December 31, 2008, and is capped at 50 percent of the recipient's investment or \$100,000.

The House of Representatives originally voted unanimously to approve the initiative. The bill will now return to the House where Senate changes to the bill will be considered.

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

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