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**Errington continues to push for consumer friendly net metering**

INDIANAPOLIS—An initiative to update the current net metering policy for consumers who create their own energy passed the Senate Utilities and Technology Committee on Thursday. State Senator Sue Errington, a co-author of the measure, says this bill is a work in progress to make Indiana's net metering policy beneficial to Hoosier consumers.

"There is still work to be done on this bill to make sure we are giving Indiana a strong net metering policy for all classes of customers," said Errington. "We have come a long way from where we were two or three years ago, but we must continue to make sure that consumers have incentives for creating their own clean and sustainable energy."

House Bill (HB) 1094 would allow for the monthly rollover of energy credits for residences or schools that generate more energy than they use and send the excess energy back onto the electric grid. The bill also caps the monthly rollover at 200 kilowatts (kW) of energy production. Systems that produce more than 200 kW would only be credited the energy produced within the period of one month.

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 technologies. The practice can reduce the demand from power plants and increase the amount of alternative energy available on the utility grid.

Those representing both manufacturers and utilities testified during the committee in favor of the measure as a way to create jobs.

"Whether we are re-tooling existing Hoosier businesses to produce these renewable energy components or creating new prospects for maintaining, installing and marketing these technologies, we must take advantage of the opportunities that net metering brings," commented Errington. "It is my hope that by the end of this session this bill will do just that, but we must continue to work diligently to craft it in a way that will be consumer friendly and create much needed employment."

HB 1094 now moves to the floor for further consideration by the full Senate.

For more information on Senator Errington, her legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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