

## HB 1021 - DIGEST

Finds that: (1) Wind energy is an abundant, renewable, and nonpolluting energy resource;

(2) When converted to electricity, wind energy reduces dependence on nonrenewable energy resources and reduces air and water pollution that result from conventional sources;

(3) Distributed small wind energy systems also enhance the reliability and power quality of the power grid, reduce peak power demands, increase in-state electricity generation, diversify the state's energy supply portfolio, and make the electricity supply market more competitive by promoting consumer choice; and

(4) Small wind energy systems, designed for on-site home, farm, and small commercial use, are an excellent technology to help achieve the goals of increased in-state electricity generation, reduced demand on the state electric grid, increased consumer energy independence, and nonpolluting electricity generation.

Authorizes a local agency to, by ordinance, provide for the installation of small wind energy systems on parcels of land of at least one acre in its jurisdiction. The local agency may establish a process for the issuance of a conditional use permit for small wind energy systems.