

SB2144



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Bill Cunningham

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Transparent, Inclusive, and Competitively Neutral Energy Policy Act. Sets forth findings. Provides that the energy procurement process shall be transparent, inclusive, and competitively neutral and shall provide due consideration to the unique advantages of each developer from all segments of the energy sector and recognize that more inclusive procurements result in greater competition among developers and lower costs for consumers.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning renewable energy.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Transparent, Inclusive, and Competitively Neutral Energy
6 Policy Act.

7 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

8 (1) Illinois is emerging as a national leader in clean
9 energy policy, which is exemplified by the enactment and
10 implementation of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act
11 (Public Act 102-662).

12 (2) To address the significant increase in electricity
13 demand in the State and to attract additional investment,
14 Illinois must significantly expand its clean energy
15 generation capacity.

16 (3) Each incremental addition of clean energy
17 generation provides measurable value in combating climate
18 change.

19 (4) Illinois consumers are best served by broad and
20 robust competition in the procurement processes that are
21 critical to achieving the State's clean energy goals.

22 (5) Transparent, inclusive, and competitively neutral
23 procurement processes will help produce cost-effective

1 outcomes for Illinois consumers while encouraging
2 investment from potential developers to support the
3 further development of clean energy resources.

4 (6) In pursuit of clean energy goals, the State
5 recognizes the importance of attracting new developers and
6 resources, as well as the value of retaining existing
7 developers that have already invested in the communities,
8 workers, and infrastructure of Illinois.

9 (7) Competitive procurements that enable projects to
10 compete on a level playing field help deliver the
11 highest-value clean energy solutions at the lowest cost to
12 consumers.

13 (8) Restricting competition among clean energy
14 resources inappropriately transfers technology, market,
15 and operational risks from developers to taxpayers and
16 consumers.

17 (9) Transparent, inclusive, and competitively neutral
18 procurement processes, which provide all qualified
19 participants with equal access to information, help: (i)
20 ensure that decisions are properly documented; (ii) foster
21 trust among bidders, investors, and the public; (iii)
22 enhance the credibility of the procurement process; and
23 (iv) strengthen confidence in the results of the
24 procurement process.

25 (10) Prompt action is essential to ensure Illinois
26 remains on track to achieve its climate objectives and to

1 implement measures that reduce energy costs for consumers.

2 (11) It is the policy of the State to adopt a
3 transparent, inclusive, and competitively neutral approach
4 to decarbonizing the State's electricity sector and to
5 procure the most cost-effective clean energy resources.

6 Section 10. Procurement process. For procurements on or
7 after the effective date of this Act, the procurement process
8 shall be transparent, inclusive, and competitively neutral and
9 shall do the following:

10 (1) provide due consideration to the unique advantages
11 of each developer from all segments of the energy sector;
12 and

13 (2) recognize that more inclusive procurements result
14 in greater competition among developers and lower costs
15 for consumers.