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Chair Swedzinski and members of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee,

Sierra Club's Minnesota North Star Chapter represents 50,000 members and supporters working to help our state's communities flourish through environmental protection, and we appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony.

The Sierra Club strongly opposes HF 787 and HF 252.

Minnesotans deserve to live pollution-free lives, breathing clean air and drinking fresh water. We deserve clean energy that creates resiliency for our communities, and we need legislators to make decisions on behalf of the public interest. That's why in 2023, we supported the Legislature in passing the 100% Law, which created a Carbon Free Standard that requires all of Minnesota's utilities to produce carbon-free electricity by 2040.

HF 787 would weaken and undermine Minnesota's clean energy path by exempting electricity generated out-of-state from the carbon free requirement.

HF 252 would inappropriately exempt small gas utilities from oversight by the Public Utilities Commission which could have negative effects on consumers and our climate.

Rather than weaken Minnesota's commitments to clean energy and climate action, we urge you take all actions needed to protect the 100% Law and insist it be implemented as written and on schedule.

Please vote no on these two bills.

Thank you,

Margaret Levin State Director Sierra Club North Star Chapter