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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/28/2017

The Committee on Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 366.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

366.02 Definitions.-As used in this chapter:

(1) "Public utility" means every person, corporation, partnership, association, or other legal entity and their lessees, trustees, or receivers supplying electricity or gas

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11 (natural, manufactured, or similar gaseous substance) to or for 12 the public within this state; but the term "public utility" does not include either a cooperative now or hereafter organized and 13 14 existing under the Rural Electric Cooperative Law of the state; 15 a municipality or any agency thereof; a property owner not 16 otherwise meeting the definition of a public utility under this 17 subsection owning and operating on their property a renewable 18 energy source device as defined in s. 193.624(1) having a 19 capacity 2.5 megawatts or less and who produces and provides or 20 sells renewable energy from that device to users located on the 21 property; any dependent or independent special natural gas 22 district; any natural gas transmission pipeline company making 23 only sales or transportation delivery of natural gas at 24 wholesale and to direct industrial consumers; any entity selling 25 or arranging for sales of natural gas which neither owns nor 26 operates natural gas transmission or distribution facilities 27 within the state; or a person supplying liquefied petroleum gas, 28 in either liquid or gaseous form, irrespective of the method of 29 distribution or delivery, or owning or operating facilities beyond the outlet of a meter through which natural gas is 30 31 supplied for compression and delivery into motor vehicle fuel 32 tanks or other transportation containers, unless such person also supplies electricity or manufactured or natural gas. 33 34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017. 35 36 37 And the title is amended as follows: 38 Delete everything before the enacting clause

39 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to public utilities; amending s. 366.02, F.S.; exempting certain owners of property who own and operate certain renewable energy source devices on their property from being defined as a public utility; providing an effective date.