
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 806
by Representative FreemanAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, change "R.S. 51:3215 through 3218," to "R.S. 51:3215.1 through 3215.8,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "Development;" and before "to provide" insert the following:

"to provide for program terms, funding, and payment; to provide for the scope of the program, including the rebate structure, amounts, and limits; to provide for eligibility criteria; to provide for applicability; to provide for rule making authority of the department; to provide for termination of the program;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 11, change "R.S. 51:3215 through 3218" to "R.S. 51:3215.1 through R.S. 3215.8"

AMENDMENT NO. 4On page 1, line 13, change "§3215." to "§3215.1."AMENDMENT NO. 5On page 1, line 16, change "§3216." to "§3215.2."AMENDMENT NO. 6On page 2, line 16, change "§3217." to "§3215.3."AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 2, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

"(3) "Lower and middle income" or "LMI" means an income three hundred percent above the federal poverty guidelines."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, delete lines 1 through 11 in their entirety, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"§3215.4. Terms; funding; payment

A. The Solar Storage Initiative Program, hereinafter "program", to be administered by the Department of Economic Development, hereinafter referred to as the "department".

B. The program shall award rebates, which shall function as reimbursements, for a period of five years. In order to be receive a rebate, a household or critical facility shall be located in anLMI community, a community of color, or an environmental justice community and shall meet the eligibility criteria required by R.S. 51:3215.6.

1 C. The program shall be funded through the department, and the total
 2 funding provided to the program shall not exceed fifteen million dollars per year.
 3 Additionally, sixty percent of the available funding shall be dedicated to critical
 4 facilities, and the remaining forty percent of available funding shall be dedicated to
 5 LMI residential and medically vulnerable households.

6 D. A fund shall be established to facilitate the program. The fund shall
 7 terminate on December 31, 2027. Any funds appropriated to the program shall
 8 remain in the fund until allocated or until the fund terminates.

9 §3215.5. Rebate structure; amounts; limits

10 A. The program shall provide rebates as follows:

11 (1) For systems with a capacity less than or equal to twenty-five kilowatts
 12 of direct current, or "kW DC", power, an owner shall receive the following rebates
 13 per output unit, not to exceed thirty-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars per
 14 project:

15 (a) Nine hundred fifty dollars per kilowatt hour, or "kWh", for the BESS
 16 rebate.

17 (b) Fifty cents per watt-peak output, or "Wdc", for the solar PV rebate.

18 (2) For systems with a capacity greater than twenty-five kW DC but less than
 19 or equal to two hundred fifty kW DC an owner shall receive the following rebates
 20 per output unit, not to exceed two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars per project:

21 (a) Seven hundred dollars per kWh for the BESS rebate.

22 (b) Forty-five cents per Wdc for the solar PV rebate.

23 (3) For systems with a capacity greater than two hundred fifty kW DC but
 24 less than five hundred kW DC an owner shall receive the following rebates per
 25 output unit, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars per project:

26 (a) Six hundred fifty dollars per kWh for the BESS rebate.

27 (b) Forty cents per Wdc for the solar PV rebate.

28 B. An owner shall be paid in full only upon completion of the project,
 29 including approval from the utility to operate the system.

30 C. An owner shall have fifty percent of the BESS rebate paid upon
 31 completion of the project, including approval from the utility to operate the system,
 32 and the remaining fifty percent of the rebate shall be paid in equal installments over
 33 the first five years the system is in operation. In order to receive the installment
 34 payments, the owner of the system shall provide the department with historical
 35 performance data reflecting fifteen minute intervals for the first year of operation,
 36 and such data shall be provided upon request for the remainder of the first five years
 37 of operation.

38 §3215.6. Eligibility; applicability

39 A. To be eligible for rebates under the program, a household system shall
 40 meet one of the following criteria:

41 (1) Be installed in a single-family home and subject to resale restrictions.

1 (2) Be installed in an apartment that is considered low income housing and
2 that is located in an apartment building or complex that has at least five rental units
3 and meets one of the following criteria:

4 (a) Be located in an LMI community.

5 (b) Be located in an apartment building where at least eighty percent of the
6 residents have incomes at or below sixty percent of the area median income.

7 (3) Be a medically vulnerable household.

8 B. To be eligible for rebates under the program, a critical facility system
9 shall meet one of the following criteria:

10 (1) Be a government agency, educational institution, non-profit organization,
11 or small business and also meet one of the following criteria:

12 (a) Be located in an LMI community.

13 (b) Be located in a census tract with a median household income below
14 eighty percent of the statewide median income.

15 (2) Have experienced power shutoffs due to a natural disaster, serve an LMI
16 community, and meet one of the following criteria:

17 (a) Be a police station; fire station; emergency response provider; emergency
18 operations center; a 911 call center; a medical facility; a private or public natural gas,
19 electric, water, wastewater, or flood facility; or a homeless shelter.

20 (b) Be a grocery store, supermarket, or corner store with less than fifteen
21 million dollars in annual gross receipts.

22 (c) Be an independent living center or a food bank.

23 C. Only owners of the solar PV system and BESS shall be able to receive or
24 access a rebate; however, this shall not be construed to require an owner of a solar
25 PV and BESS to also own the facility or property where such system is installed.

26 D. Only new solar PV systems are eligible for the solar PV rebate, and such
27 rebate shall not be paid to an owner unless the solar PV system is accompanied by
28 a qualified BESS.

29 E. A BESS shall be paired with an onsite solar PV system to be eligible for
30 the BESS rebate.

31 F. The nominal energy capacity of the BESS paired with the solar PV shall
32 be at least two hours.

33 G. The nominal power capacity of the BESS shall be at least twenty-five
34 percent of the solar PV's power capacity, measured in direct current.

35 §3215.7. Implementation

36 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary for
37 the efficient and effective administration of this Chapter in keeping with the
38 purposes for which it was enacted.

39 §3215.8. Termination of Chapter

1 The provisions of this Chapter shall terminate and be considered null and
2 void on December 31, 2027."