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Senator Gleason Introduces Legislation to Spur Renewable Energy Production

Bipartisan Bill Package Encourages Home & Business Owners to Use Alternative Energy

LANSING—Senator John Gleason (D-Flushing) joined with colleagues from both sides of the aisle this week to offer legislation to stimulate the generation and use of alternative energy. The five-bill package offers incentives to help businesses and homeowners implement renewable energy systems and improvements.

“As we strive to fuel our economy and develop and grow innovative industries, we need to also conserve our natural resources and stimulate energy independence,” said Sen. Gleason. “We can create thousands of jobs for the hardworking people of this state by encouraging the manufacturing of green energy components and materials and kick-starting a next-generation economy.”

Gleason’s bill, SB 1339, provides a use tax exemption on the purchase of alternative energy systems, including heating and cooling systems, solar panels and wind turbines, or alternative energy vehicles. A similar bill sponsored by Senator Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), SB 1338, offers a sales tax exemption on the same.

Other legislation sponsored by Senators Ray Basham (D-Taylor), Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) and Dennis Olshove (D-Warren) will provide the following alternative energy growth incentives:

- An income tax credit for renewable energy improvements to a residence (SB 1335, Basham). This includes installation and/or retrofitting of home solar, wind or water energy conservation devices.
- A property tax exemption for alternative energy improvements to a home or business (SB 1336, Jacobs).
- A tax abatement for renewable energy plants to stimulate redevelopment and rehabilitation in industrial districts (SB 1337, Olshove).

This package is part of the Legislature’s multi-pronged approach to create jobs, save consumers money, and protect our air, land and water. In addition to encouraging businesses and homeowners to purchase and use alternative energy systems, these bills will reduce utility costs, saving families and companies money, and implement cleaner energy sources that can lower pollution and protect human health and the

environment.

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