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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Provide Funding for Small Wind Power Generators'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1 Small wind power generator pilot project. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission is authorized to establish a pilot project for small wind power generators pursuant to this section.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Commission" means the Public Utilities Commission.

B. "Small wind power generator" means an electricity-generating installation certified by the commission at any one site that includes a turbine of not more than 10 kilowatts that is powered entirely by wind energy and intended to serve the electricity needs of a household or small business.

2. Pilot projects. The commission may develop an application process and provide funding to support pilot projects involving the installation of a small wind power generator up to the amount of funding appropriated for this purpose.

3. Qualification. The commission may certify any project as a small wind power generator if the commission determines that the project provides an efficient and effective means of generating electricity for a household or small business.

4. Report. The commission shall submit a report on the small wind power generator pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs no later than January 12, 2010. The report must include a detailed description of the approved projects, the amount of power generated and the economic advantage of the investment in small wind power generators.

5. Expiration. Any pilot project developed pursuant to this section must expire no later than June 30, 2010; and be it further

Sec. 2 Transfer of funds from Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$30,800 by June 30, 2009 from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall also transfer the equitable share of health insurance savings to each participating fund by June 30, 2009. The fund transfers are to recognize health insurance savings achieved through changes to be adopted by the State Employee Health Commission; and be it further

Sec. 3 Transfer of funds from Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund.

Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,200 by June 30, 2009 from the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall also transfer the equitable share of retiree health insurance savings to each participating fund by June 30, 2009. The fund transfers are to recognize retiree health insurance savings achieved through changes to be adopted by the State Employee Health Commission; and be it further

Sec. 4 Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the small wind power generator pilot project.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$40,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	\$40,000

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve and provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$40,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 for the Public Utilities Commission to authorize and fund a small wind power generator pilot project. It also provides a one-time transfer totaling \$40,000 from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund and the Retiree Health Insurance Internal Service Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2008-09.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)