



Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association

We Move Minnesota Solar + Storage Forward

MnSEIA's 2023 Legislative Priorities

Modernize Community Solar Garden Program (Rep. Acomb) - Until 2022, Minnesota was #1 in the U.S for the largest CSG program! We aim to update Minnesota's community solar garden program by:

- Removing arbitrary contiguous county geographic restriction
- Increasing project size from 1 to 5 megawatts
- Improving residential access and diversifying subscribers to solar gardens.

Accelerate the Energy Storage Market - Grow Minnesota's energy storage industry by requiring and incentivizing the deployment of storage projects. Establish a goal of 3,100 MWs of storage by 2035 and direct the PUC to clarify interconnection rules for storage to encourage market growth. **(HF 1386)**

Clarify Net Metering Rules (Rep. Hansen) - Solar deployment in Greater MN is plagued by a patchwork of differing interpretations of federal and state net-metering laws. Amending certain statutes to expressly require utilities to follow federal law and allow for standard dispute resolution processes will help further deployment of solar across Minnesota.

Advance Residential & Small-Scale Commercial & Industrial Solar - The small-scale distributed generation (DG) solar market is an important component of creating a more reliable, resilient, and secure grid. Funding core programs like:

- Solar for Schools program to decrease energy costs for schools across MN **(Rep. Rehm)**
- Solar on Public Buildings to lower energy bills for local & tribal governments **(HF 747, SF 1404)**
- Solar*Rewards program provides a financial incentive for Xcel customers to install solar **(Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger/Sen. Mitchell)**
- Residential Solar Tax Credit to lower the cost for the average Minnesotan to install solar and storage at their home **(Rep. Bierman)**

MnSEIA also aims to prevent Homeowners' Associations from banning solar on single-family homes. **(HF 1262, SF 1003)** These initiatives will help build our 21st century grid while supporting MN businesses, growing jobs, and meeting the demands of Minnesotans.

Improve Grid Infrastructure & Interconnection Process - Expedite and streamline interconnection timelines by making targeted investments in grid infrastructure. **(Rep. Acomb)**

Develop Mid-Scale Solar Market - The mid-scale (5-10 megawatt) segment of the solar industry in Minnesota is currently an untapped market ripe for investment. Establishing the rules for the DG market will help expand opportunities for solar businesses to thrive in the state.

Minnesota's Solar + Storage Industry:



5,000 jobs

Solar Installer is the fastest growing job in the U.S



1.7 GWs

Of installed solar - Enough to power over 230k homes!



\$2.6 BN

Solar investment in the state



#16 in the U.S

For installed solar capacity



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Member-Driven Advocacy for Minnesota Solar + Storage

The Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association (MnSEIA) is a 501(c)(6) trade organization, representing over 140 businesses working at all levels of the Minnesota solar + energy storage industry. Our members include solar installers and developers, manufacturers, distributors, job trainers, trade unions, financiers, engineers, utilities, non-profits, government agencies, and more. These companies direct MnSEIA's work to create a stable industry through public policy development and regulatory advocacy.

149 Members Strong



MnSEIA works to highlight all the benefits of solar and energy storage, including:

- Creating local, family-sustaining jobs and supporting small businesses
- Increasing tax revenues for local governments and communities
- Stabilizing farming businesses
- Increasing grid resilience and reliability
- Lowering energy costs for schools, local governments, and utility customers
- Expanding clean energy options for customers across Minnesota

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