

H. B. 251
State Facilities – Efficient Energy Use
126th General Assembly
Bill Summary

Sponsor:	Representative Joseph Uecker	(R – Loveland)
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	Referred to House Public Utilities and Energy	05/12/05
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What this bill does:

- Requires any state institution of higher education that receives an appropriation for a capital facilities project to use an energy efficient design in carrying out the project.
- Requires the Office of Energy Services in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to use energy efficiency standards modeled on those developed and used by the Ohio School Facilities Commission for classroom facilities construction projects.
- Requires DAS to require a bidder in the state competitive bidding process to provide sufficient information about the energy efficiency or energy usage of the bidder's product or service and specifies that bid include information about whether the product or service meets Department of Energy and U.S. EPA energy efficiency guidelines.

Testimony:

- Rep. Uecker provided sponsor testimony on the bill on June 1st. He said that the requirements in the bill are examples of "how the state can save our taxpayers dollars and be on the front lines of energy conservation."
- Jeanette Ostrander from the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Kevin Schmidt from the Ohio Manufacturer's Association and Jim Nargang from the Ohio Board of Regents testified on the bill on June 15th. Ms. Ostrander testified that the bill provides financial and environmental benefits. Mr. Schmidt testified in support of the bill and said that it is the first step in a comprehensive statewide energy plan. Mr. Nargang told the committee about energy saving activities at Cuyahoga Community College, Kent State University, the University of Cincinnati and Edison State Community College. He also reported on collaborative efforts the Regents and campuses are making to encourage energy conservation and savings.

Additional information about the bill:

To access the bill in its entirety, click on or visit the following link:

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Bill Analysis:

<http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses126/h0251-ph-126.pdf>