

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 988

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 988.

This bill would require the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (board), within 60 days of enactment into law, to provide a 30-day period for the submission of applications for certain qualified wind energy projects that the board is currently authorized to approve under existing law. Specifically, under section 4 of P.L.2010, c.57 (C.48:3-87.2), the board is authorized to approve a qualified wind energy project that is located in territorial waters offshore of a municipality in which casino gaming is authorized. This bill would require, within 60 days of enactment, that the board provide a 30-day period for the submission of applications for such a project and, thereafter, from time to time provide a submission period that may differ from the 30-day application period.