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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJ Clean Energy Program incentives be made available to commercial farms.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 The bill defines “energy audit” as an assessment of all energy-using
2 systems to determine the consumption characteristics of a
3 commercial farm which shall (1) identify the type, size, and rate of
4 energy consumption of a commercial farm; (2) identify appropriate
5 energy conservation maintenance and operating procedures; and (3)
6 indicate the need, if any, for the acquisition and installation of
7 energy conservation measures.

8 The bill would also require the BPU to publish on its Internet
9 website any incentives or programs that are available to the owners
10 of commercial farms under the NJCEP and information concerning
11 the program established by the BPU, pursuant to the bill, to
12 encourage or assist the owners of commercial farms in conducting
13 energy audits.

14 Currently, commercial farms do not fit clearly into the incentive
15 programs offered by the NJCEP, which is divided into categories
16 for residential, commercial, industrial, local government, and
17 multifamily. A farmhouse or residential dwelling on farmland
18 would be eligible for incentives offered in the residential category
19 of the NJCEP since the farmhouse or dwelling qualifies as a
20 residence, however, there are no additional incentives or programs
21 specifically available to the owners of commercial farms under the
22 NJCEP. The bill would allow the owners of commercial farms to
23 participate in the NJCEP and receive applicable incentives under
24 the program while improving the energy efficiency of their farms.