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2 Introduced by Representatives Obuchowski of Rockingham, Mrowicki of

3 Putney and Partridge of Windham

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Conservation; clean energy development fund; geothermal energy

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to make it clear that the clean energy  
8 development fund may be used to support projects involving the development  
9 and use of geothermal energy, regardless of whether they involve the  
10 generation of electricity.

11 An act relating to allowing the clean energy development fund to support  
12 the development of geothermal energy

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 6523(d)(4) is amended to read:

15 (4) Projects for funding may include the following:

16 (A) projects that will sell power in commercial quantities;

17 (B) among those projects that will sell power in commercial  
18 quantities, funding priority will be given to those projects that commit to sell  
19 power to Vermont utilities on favorable terms;

20 (C) projects to benefit publicly owned or leased buildings;

1           (D) renewable energy projects on farms, which may include any or  
2 all costs incurred to upgrade to a three-phase line to serve a system on a farm;

3           (E) small scale renewable energy in Vermont residences and  
4 businesses;

5           (F) projects under the agricultural economic development special  
6 account established under 6 V.S.A. § 4710(g) to harvest biomass, convert  
7 biomass to energy, or produce biofuel;

8           (G) until December 31, 2008 only, super-efficient buildings; ~~and~~

9           (H) projects to develop and use geothermal energy, regardless of  
10 whether they also involve the generation of electricity; and

11           (I) effective projects that are not likely to be established in the  
12 absence of funding under the program.