

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0146

Affordable electricity act of 2026.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Storer, Campbell, E, Heiner, Sherwood, Thayer and Yin and Senator(s) Driskill and Schuler

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public utilities; providing for the
2 regulation and use of small plug-in solar generation
3 devices; exempting small plug-in solar generation devices
4 from specified utility regulations; providing definitions;
5 making conforming amendments; exempting an electric utility
6 from liability caused by a customer's use of a plug-in solar
7 generation device; and providing for an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 37-16-301 and 37-16-302 are created
12 to read:

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ARTICLE 3

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SMALL SOLAR GENERATION

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2 **37-16-301. Definitions.**

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4 (a) As used in this article:

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6 (i) "Electric utility" means any electrical
7 company or cooperative electric utility that is engaged in
8 the business of distributing electricity to retail electric
9 customers in the state;

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11 (ii) "Plug-in solar generation device" or "PIPV"
12 means a photovoltaic generation device that:

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14 (A) Has a maximum power output of not more
15 than one thousand two hundred (1,200) watts per meter;

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17 (B) Is designed to be connected to a
18 building's electrical system through a standard one hundred
19 twenty (120) volt alternating current outlet;

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21 (C) Is intended primarily to offset part of
22 the customer's electricity consumption;

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1 (D) Meets the standards of the most recent
2 version of the national electric code; and

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4 (E) Is certified by the underwriters
5 laboratories or an equivalent nationally recognized testing
6 laboratory.

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8 **37-16-302. Plug-in solar generation devices;**
9 **requirements.**

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11 (a) A plug-in solar generation device that meets the
12 requirements of this article shall be exempt from any
13 requirement:

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15 (i) For an interconnection agreement for a
16 person to operate or use the plug-in solar generation
17 device;

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19 (ii) Associated with the use or operation of a
20 net metering system under article 1 of this chapter.

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22 (b) Each plug-in solar generation device shall
23 include a device or feature that prevents the device from

1 energizing the building's electrical system or backfeeding
2 into an electric utility's system during a power outage.

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4 (c) No electric utility shall require a customer who
5 uses or operates a plug-in solar generation device to:

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7 (i) Obtain the approval of the electric utility
8 before installing or using a plug-in solar generation
9 device;

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11 (ii) Pay any fee or charge related to the use or
12 operation of the plug-in solar generation device;

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14 (iii) Install any additional controls or
15 equipment beyond what is integrated into the plug-in solar
16 generation device, subject to subsection (b) of this
17 section.

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19 (d) An electric utility:

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21 (i) May offer to make available to each customer
22 who uses or operates a plug-in solar generation device an

1 energy meter that is capable of registering the flow of
2 electricity in two (2) directions;

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4 (ii) Shall not be liable directly or indirectly
5 for any damages or injury caused by or associated with the
6 use of a plug-in solar generation device that is not sold,
7 leased, installed or operated by the electric utility.

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 37-16-101(a)(viii)(intro) is amended
10 to read:

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12 **37-16-101. Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this chapter unless the context or a
15 specific article otherwise requires:

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17 (viii) "Net metering system" means a facility,
18 excluding a plug-in solar generation device as defined by
19 W.S. 37-16-301(a)(ii), for the production of electrical
20 energy that:

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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