

# House Energy Committee

House Bills 4715-4716

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# Consumers Energy currently offers customers access to affordable renewable energy sources



## Solar Gardens

- Grand Valley State University – 3 MW
- Western Michigan University – 1 MW
- Cadillac Solar Gardens – 0.5 MW
- Solar Sunrise Program



## More Voluntary Green Pricing (VGP) programs

- Large Customer Renewable Energy Pilot
- Renewable Energy Credit (REC) Pilot
- Anchor Tenant option (pending approval)



**Additional 8,000 MW of solar by 2040  
through our IRP**

# This proposed legislation creates more problems than it solves

	HBs 4715 & 4716	What it means	Consumers Energy programs
<b>Impacts to other customers</b>	<i>"Applicable bill credit rate" means the dollar-per kilowatt-hour rate established by the commission</i>	By creating a regulated rate for an unregulated entity, any difference between the "monetary value" and market prices would be paid for by all utility customers	There is no cost shift between program customers and other customers – only participating customers pay costs
<b>Affordability</b>	<i>"Bill credit" means the monetary value of the electricity in kilowatt-hours generated by the community solar facility"</i>	It is unclear what monetary value means, and the value is not tied to market-based prices	Our credits are based on the market value of the capacity and the energy produced
<b>Consumer protection and regulatory oversight</b>	<i>A subscriber organization is not considered to be an electric provider as a result of its ownership or operation of a community solar facility</i>	Unregulated entities have no obligation to serve customers, plan for their energy supply needs, or protect them in the event of any unanticipated issues	Regulated utilities are subject to MPSC rules and oversight
<b>Access for all customers</b>	<i>"Subscriber organization" means a for-profit or nonprofit entity that owns or operates 1 or more community solar facilities</i>	Because the entities are not regulated, they have no obligation to serve any customer and can pick and choose their customers	All customers have access to solar energy