

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 080398)

## RESOLUTION

Urging the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enact House Bill No. 2200 and Special House Session Bill No. 1 which are both significant steps in Pennsylvania toward the establishment of a green jobs initiative and green economics revitalization.

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 2200 would provide the necessary support for businesses and residents across the Commonwealth to implement energy savings measures; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 2200 would also ensure that every Pennsylvania electricity consumer would have greater control over their energy use through a smart meter requiring utilities to reduce overall energy output by 2.5% over the next five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Out of all states, Pennsylvania is 44<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending on energy efficiency by utility companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Special House Session Bill 1 (SHB 1) would create an \$850 million fund for investments in renewable energy, energy conservation, and green buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, The \$850 million of SHB 1 includes \$200 million for solar energy, \$30 million for wind energy, \$25 million for green buildings, and \$39 million for rebates for consumers who replace old appliances with more energy efficient appliances; and

**WHEREAS**, SHB 1 is expected to create 13,000 new jobs and will make Pennsylvania more competitive with clean energy policies and incentives of other states; and

**WHEREAS**, Both bills will provide thousands of well paying jobs for and are vital components to Pennsylvania's Energy Independence Strategy that seeks to protect the Commonwealth from the effects of rapidly rising energy prices; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,** That Council urges the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enact House Bill No. 2200 and Special House Session Bill No. 1 which are significant steps in Pennsylvania toward the establishment of a green jobs initiative and green economics revitalization.

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Pennsylvania State Senate so they may take immediate action to pass HB 2200 and SHB 1.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the tenth of April, 2008.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Kenney and Green

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Kenney, Green, Greenlee, Goode, Krajewski, O'Neill, Miller, Rizzo, Clarke and Kelly