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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 4, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of General Services to conduct an energy  
2 audit on the buildings within the State Capitol Complex to  
3 evaluate energy consumption and identify opportunities for  
4 reduced energy use within the complex.

5 WHEREAS, State government is a leading consumer of energy  
6 throughout Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Investments in energy conservation technologies will  
8 result in lower operating costs for the Commonwealth, which will  
9 result in savings for all Pennsylvania taxpayers; and

10 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Complex is a substantial consumer  
11 of that energy, which represents a substantial operating cost  
12 for State government; and

13 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth must demonstrate leadership in the  
14 conservation of energy by reducing the amount of energy consumed  
15 in State government facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Energy conservation measures such as energy  
17 efficient lighting systems, improved heating, ventilating or air

1 conditioning systems, insulation, multiglazed, heat-absorbing or  
2 heat-reflective windows or doors, and automated energy control  
3 systems have been proven to reduce energy consumption or  
4 operating costs; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the Environmental Protection Agency and  
6 the Department of Energy's Energy Star program, energy efficient  
7 lighting technologies such as LED light bulbs use at least 75%  
8 less energy and last at least 15 times longer than incandescent  
9 bulbs; and

10 WHEREAS, Qualified air conditioning systems are approximately  
11 14% more efficient than standard models; and

12 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth should examine in detail how State  
13 facilities consume energy and methods for reducing energy costs;  
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the  
16 Department of General Services to conduct an energy audit on the  
17 buildings within the State Capitol Complex to evaluate energy  
18 consumption and identify opportunities for reduced energy use  
19 within the complex; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Department of General Services develop an  
21 implementation plan and timeline for deployment of the cost-  
22 effective options resulting from the energy audit; and be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Department of General Services report its  
25 findings to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the President  
26 pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
27 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority  
28 Leader of the Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of  
29 Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of  
30 Representatives no later than six months following the passage

1 of this resolution.