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Committee Assignment: Senate Freedom 2

Bill #:SF-09

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**An Act To** Amend § 6-104 of the New York State Energy Laws to include trees as a renewable resource in the state energy plan.

***The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:***

**Purpose** To include trees as a renewable resource for New York State's Renewable Energy Plan (REV).

**Summary of Provisions**

**Section 1: Definitions**

**Solar energy:** radiant light and heat from the Sun that is harnessed using a range of technologies

**Section 2:**

§ 6-104. State energy plan.

1.The board shall adopt a state energy plan in accordance with the provisions of this article.

2.The state energy plan shall include: (a) forecasts for a minimum period of ten years, and for such other periods as the board may determine, of: (i) demand for electricity, natural gas, coal, petroleum products, including heating and transportation fuels, and alternate fuels, including ethanol and other biofuels, to the extent possible, taking into account energy conservation, load management and other demand-reducing measures which can be achieved in a cost-effective manner, including the basis for such projection, including an examination of possible alternate levels of demand and discussion of the forecasting methodologies and input variables used in making the forecasts;

(b) Identification and assessment of the costs, risks, benefits, uncertainties and market potential of energy supply source alternatives, including demand-reducing measures, renewable energy resources of electric generation, distributed generation technologies, cogeneration technologies, biofuels, trees, and other methods and technologies reasonably available for satisfying energy supply requirements which are not reasonably certain to be met by the energy supply sources identified in paragraph

**Justification**

This bill is aiming to include trees in New York's plan for renewable energy. Not only is it going to help climate change, it will also open more job opportunities across the state. Trees are a valuable natural and renewable resource that must be added in order for the state energy plan to be successful.

**Fiscal Implications** This bill will not have any negative fiscal implications. The logging and timber industry will be stimulated, and it should help to lower overall energy costs in the state.

**Effective Date** This bill will go into effect immediately