



Texas may lead in wind power, but what about solar?

Some important Bills this Legislative session are facing that question. Texas is known for its vast wind powered fields leading the nation in renewable wind energy, however, another market of "going green" may be lacking. Solar power which turns sunlight into electricity is still not up to par in the state of Texas.

Having the availability of clean energy to consumers and businesses is the only way for Texas to be the leader in energy alternatives that will empower our desire to "go green". -Representative Alonzo

Solar power can be implemented to many homes and businesses through the use of grids on the roof. Two Senate Bills by Senator Rodriguez address solar energy specifically; S.B. No.304 requires solar panels to be offered by certain builders of new homes. S.B. 305 by Senator Rodriguez is addressing an incentive to solar panel buyers by offering an exemption on sales tax. In the house, Representative Anchia has introduced House Bill 723, which will help the installation of clean energy and lowering the costs to consumers. The invention and cutting edge technology is no use, if it is not put into practice. Texas needs to implement alternative resources that modern technology has to offer for clean energy to be easily accessible for Texas consumers.

Quick Facts: **benefits of Solar Power-**

- generate electricity without producing greenhouse gas emissions and other forms of air pollution
- Cost reducing benefits over electricity
- solar power industry accounted for the majority of the 89,000 jobs creating, distributing and storing clean, renewable energy found in the U.S.A

Quick facts were provided by *David Anderson of National Geographic.*



On Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, during ***Skills USA Day at the Capitol & Mock Legislative Session***, student representatives from the national ***Skills USA program*** - Dallas affiliate [Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center - Law Magnet School - Dallas] met with Rep. Alonzo to discuss the importance of Career & Technical Education.

MILITARY ARMED FORCES SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE; REP. ALONZO URGES APPLICANTS TO APPLY NOW

Texas State Representative Roberto R. Alonzo urges applicants to consider applying to the latest scholarship program geared specifically toward those Texans considering attending college and making military service part of their future careers. The 83rd Legislature, during the recently-completed Regular and Special Sessions approved sufficient funding to make new awards for the ***Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.***

For more information:

<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=581>