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Abstract: Provides for legislative findings and defines "biomass" within the Louisiana Renewable Energy Development Act.

Proposed law provides that the legislature finds and declares energy produced from forest products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks are considered renewable and carbon neutral.

Proposed law defines "biomass" as any forest products manufacturing bioenergy feedstocks, which may include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) Forest products manufacturing residuals, including but not limited to spent pulping liquors, pulping by-products, woody manufacturing residuals, paper recycling residuals, wastewater and process water treatment plant residuals, and anaerobic digester biogas.
- (b) Harvest residues, including trees or portions of harvested trees that are too small or of too poor quality to be utilized for wood products or paper products;
- (c) Downed wood from extreme weather events and natural disasters, nonhazardous landscape or right-of-way trimmings and municipal trimmings, and plant material removed for purposes of invasive or noxious plant species control; biowaste, including landfill gas.
- (d) Forest biomass derived from residues created as a by-product of timber harvesting, including but not limited to low-value wood, treetops, and tree limbs.
- (e) Forest management activities conducted for stand improvement or to increase yield, ecological restoration, or to maintain or enhance forest health including but not limited to hazardous fuels reduction.
- (f) Biomass materials recognized by the United State Environmental Protection Agency as fuels under 40 CFR Part 241.4.
- (g) Other used wood products, such as crates or pallets.

(Adds R.S. 51:3061(3) and 3062(6))