

S2984 RITCHIE Same as [A 1110](#) Magee

ON FILE: 02/06/15 New York State Urban Development Corporation Act

TITLE....Provides grants and low interest loans to dairy farms who make energy efficient improvements

01/30/15 REFERRED TO CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS

04/27/15 REPORTED AND COMMITTED TO FINANCE

05/27/15 1ST REPORT CAL.907

05/28/15 2ND REPORT CAL.

06/01/15 ADVANCED TO THIRD READING

06/09/15 PASSED SENATE

06/09/15 DELIVERED TO ASSEMBLY

06/09/15 referred to economic development

06/18/15 substituted for a1110

06/18/15 ordered to third reading rules cal.513

06/18/15 passed assembly

06/18/15 returned to senate

11/10/15 DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR

11/20/15 VETOED MEMO.253

VETO MESSAGE - No. 253

TO THE SENATE:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Senate Bill Number 2984, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to creating the dairy farm improved energy efficiency program"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would amend the Urban Development Corporation (UDC) Act to authorize the Empire State Development Corporation (ESD), in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), to establish the Dairy Farm Improved Energy Efficiency Program. The Program would award grants or low interest loans to dairy farms that make energy efficiency improvements.

The bill is largely duplicative of ongoing NYSERDA programs available to assist the agricultural sector. For example, the New York State Clean Energy Fund helps demonstrate new technologies, provides technical assistance for farm management best practices and controlled environmental agriculture, and provides tools and resources to assist farming operations, including mechanisms for financing these activities.

Moreover, while the proposed Program would help dairy farmers manage their high energy costs, no funding source has been identified to help them do so. ESD would therefore need to divert funds from other ongoing programs in order to implement this Program. Such an initiative is best taken up in the context of the state budget.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
