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#### Floridians like solar energy, poll says

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Eighty-five percent of Florida residents believe the Legislature should act to encourage investment in solar energy, according to poll results released today solar energy groups.

The poll of 625 registered voters also found that 81 percent were willing to pay an extra \$1 on their utility bills to support that investment.

Energy is a major issue in this legislative session. The Senate and House are dealing with sweeping proposals from Gov. Charlie Crist and the Florida Energy Commission to boost renewable energy.

"We live in the Sunshine State. Obviously solar energy will be a major part of Florida's energy future," Sen. Burt Saunders, R-Naples and chairman of the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation, said during a news conference.

The poll, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent, was paid for by the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association and the Vote Solar Initiative.

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