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(SD)-"Fatal Flaw" Leads Senate To Uphold Noem Veto

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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - The South Dakota Senate Friday overwhelmingly upheld Gov. Kristi Noem's veto of a bill putting definitions of solar energy facilities into state law. It was Noem's first-ever veto.

The measure originally passed both the House and Senate with over 70% support for the bill drafted by the state Public Service Commission, but Noem in her veto message said a legal review showed showed "poor drafting" in language could give the PSC too much authority.

Republican Senator Jim Stalzer says he has been in contact with the bill's authors at the commission and they agreed with the governor that there was a "fatal flaw" in the bill. As a result, the vote to uphold the veto was 30-1.