

SHB 2995 - H AMD 1322

By Representative Nealey

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A legislative task force on carbon  
4 free, renewable, and economical energy is established, with members  
5 as provided in this subsection (1).

6 (i) The president of the senate must appoint two voting members  
7 from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

8 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint two  
9 voting members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
10 representatives.

11 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives jointly must appoint the following nonvoting members  
13 representing relevant stakeholders:

14 (A) The governor, or the governor's designee;

15 (B) Three representatives of investor-owned utilities;

16 (C) Four representatives of consumer-owned utilities, with one  
17 representative of each of the following: A utility that owns and  
18 operates thermal electric generation resources, a utility that owns  
19 and operates hydroelectric generation resources, a utility that does  
20 not own and operate thermal electric generation resources or  
21 hydroelectric generation resources, and a rural electric cooperative;

22 (D) One representative of industrial ratepayers;

23 (E) One representative of the Bonneville power administration;

24 (F) Three representatives of organizations which advocate for  
25 clean energy technologies and greenhouse gas emissions reductions;

26 (G) One representative of a statewide labor organization; and

27 (H) Public counsel or an advocate for electric utility ratepayers  
28 designated by public counsel.

29 (iv) The governor must appoint nonvoting members in an advisory  
30 role including, but not limited to, the following:

31 (A) One representative of the Washington state utilities and  
32 transportation commission;

1 (B) One representative of the department of commerce;  
2 (C) Two representatives of the two largest state institutions of  
3 higher education;  
4 (D) One representative of the Pacific Northwest national  
5 laboratory;  
6 (E) An expert in, or developer of, clean energy technologies;  
7 (F) One representative of the Northwest power and planning  
8 council; and  
9 (G) One representative of the Western electricity coordinating  
10 council.

11 (b) The task force must choose its cochairs from among its  
12 legislative membership. The chair of the joint committee on energy  
13 supply and energy conservation must convene the initial meeting of  
14 the task force.

15 (2) The task force must determine the appropriate carbon  
16 reduction targets for electric utilities, to be achieved according to  
17 the following schedule:

18 (a) January 1, 2030, and each year thereafter through December  
19 31, 2034;

20 (b) January 1, 2035, and each year thereafter through December  
21 31, 2039;

22 (c) January 1, 2040, and each year thereafter through December  
23 31, 2044; and

24 (d) January 1, 2045, and each year thereafter.

25 (3) In determining the targets under subsection (2) of this  
26 section, the task force must review the technological feasibility,  
27 timeline, cost, and other impacts of transitioning Washington's  
28 electricity sector to carbon free generation resources, including but  
29 not limited to the following issues:

30 (a) Technological feasibility, including an examination of  
31 resources known to be commercially available, the potential for  
32 storage, and replacement of baseload fossil fuel generation;

33 (b) Reliability, ratepayer costs, and regional market impacts,  
34 including impacts on multistate utilities, energy imbalance markets,  
35 the potential for negative pricing, and impacts on renewable energy  
36 credit markets;

37 (c) The unique aspects of Washington's utilities;

38 (d) The effect of transportation electrification and the  
39 electrification of other sectors on a utility's load;

1 (e) The potential policy interactions between an emission  
2 reduction requirement for the electricity sector and other carbon  
3 reduction policies;

4 (f) An assessment of appropriate incentives, if any, to  
5 facilitate the transition to carbon free generation resources;

6 (g) Federal and state regulatory and legal considerations; and

7 (h) Equitable treatment among utilities.

8 (4) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the  
9 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
10 program research.

11 (5) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for  
12 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
13 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
14 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
15 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for  
16 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

17 (6) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
18 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
19 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
20 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
21 successor committees.

22 (7) The task force must convene at least four meetings in 2018.

23 (8) In order for a recommendation to be included in the report,  
24 it must be supported by a majority of the task force's voting  
25 members. Minority reports or comments must be included in the report.

26 (9) The task force must report its findings and recommendations  
27 to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature, in  
28 compliance with RCW 43.01.036, by January 1, 2019.

29 (10) This section expires January 1, 2019."

30 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Strikes all underlying material. Establishes a  
Legislative Task Force on Carbon free, Renewable, and Economical  
Energy (the Carbon FREE Task Force). Requires the Carbon FREE Task  
Force to determine the appropriate carbon reduction targets for  
electric utilities to be achieved between January 1, 2030, and  
January 1, 2045, and each year thereafter. Requires the Carbon FREE

Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2019.

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