

HB 1038 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
4 create a regional process for the siting of new electric transmission
5 lines related to the national energy policy act of 2005. This regional
6 process will facilitate the siting of new cross borders electric
7 transmission lines by providing a "one stop" licensing process. This
8 act calls for the creation of a legislative task force to establish an
9 interstate compact to assert jurisdiction over national interest
10 electric transmission corridors.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.50 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 (1)(a) A legislative task force on national interest electric
14 transmission corridors is established, with members as provided in this
15 subsection.

16 (i) The chair and the ranking minority member from the senate
17 water, energy and telecommunications committee or their designees;

18 (ii) The chair and the ranking minority member from the house of
19 representatives technology, energy and communications committee or
20 their designees;

21 (iii) The governor shall appoint five members representing the
22 energy facility site evaluation council, local governments, resource
23 agencies, or other persons with appropriate expertise.

24 (b) The task force shall choose its cochairs representing the
25 senate and house of representatives from among its legislative
26 membership.

27 (2)(a) The task force shall negotiate the terms of an interstate
28 compact that establishes a regional process for siting national

1 interest electric transmission corridors satisfactory to the national
2 energy policy act of 2005.

3 (b) In negotiating the terms of the compact, the task force shall
4 ensure that the compact reflects as close as possible the Washington
5 state energy facility site evaluation council model under this chapter
6 and its procedures to ensure appropriate adjudicative proceedings and
7 mitigation of environmental impacts.

8 (c) The task force shall negotiate the terms of the compact through
9 processes established and supported by the Pacific Northwest economic
10 region for which the state of Washington is a party as referenced in
11 RCW 43.147.010.

12 (3) Staff support for the task force members shall be provided from
13 respective committees and appropriate agencies appointed by the
14 governor.

15 (4) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
16 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
17 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
18 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
19 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

20 (5) The task force shall report its preliminary recommendations on
21 the compact to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January
22 1, 2008.

23 (6) The task force shall report its final recommendations on the
24 compact to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September
25 1, 2008.

26 (7) This section expires July 1, 2009."

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27 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "lines;" strike the remainder
28 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 80.50 RCW;
29 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Corrects the name of the Senate Water, Energy and Telecommunications Committee and authorizes the legislative members of the task force to appoint "designees."

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