

SSB 5991 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Technology & Economic Development

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends that nuclear power
4 should be studied as a possible replacement for electricity consumed in
5 the region that is generated from the combustion of fossil fuels.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A joint select task force on nuclear
7 energy is created to study how the state can advance and support the
8 generation of clean energy in the region through the use of nuclear
9 power. The task force must report any findings and recommendations to
10 the legislature by December 1, 2014.

11 (2) In its deliberations, the task force must consider the greatest
12 amount of environmental benefit for each dollar spent based on the
13 life-cycle cost of any nuclear power technology. Life-cycle costs must
14 include the storage and disposal of any nuclear wastes.

15 (3) The task force must consist of eight members that serve on the
16 legislative standing committees with primary jurisdiction over energy
17 issues. The president of the senate shall appoint two members from the
18 majority caucus and two members from the minority caucus. The speaker
19 of the house of representatives shall appoint two members from each
20 caucus.

21 (4) The members of the task force shall select from among their
22 members a chair and other officers as the task force deems appropriate.

23 (5) The task force must hold no more than four meetings, with two
24 of those meetings in Richland, Washington.

25 (6) The task force must be staffed by senate committee services and
26 the office of program research. All expenses and hiring of additional
27 staff shall be subject to the approval of the senate facilities and
28 operations committee and the house of representatives executive rules
29 committee.

1 (7) The task force terminates December 15, 2014."

2 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes finding stating that the legislature finds that nuclear power is a safe, reliable, cost-effective, and carbon-free source of electricity.

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