

**SHB 2995** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5122.1/18) **1369**

By Representative Nealey

1 On page 15, beginning on line 11 of the striking amendment, after  
2 "(1)" strike all material through "2020" on page 17, line 40 and  
3 insert "(a) A legislative task force on carbon-free, renewable, and  
4 economical energy is established, with members as provided in this  
5 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;

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1 (H) Public counsel or an advocate for electric utility ratepayers  
2 designated by public counsel; and

3 (I) One representative of a light and power business that is not  
4 an electric utility which owns and operates a combined cycle natural  
5 gas resource in the state.

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

8 (A) One representative of the Washington state utilities and  
9 transportation commission;

10 (B) One representative of the department of commerce;

11 (C) Two representatives of the two largest state institutions of  
12 higher education;

13 (D) One representative of the Pacific Northwest national  
14 laboratory;

15 (E) An expert in, or developer of, clean energy technologies;

16 (F) One representative of the Northwest power and planning  
17 council; and

18 (G) One representative of the western electricity coordinating  
19 council.

20 (b) The task force must choose its cochairs from among its  
21 legislative membership. The chair of the joint committee on energy  
22 supply and energy conservation shall convene the initial meeting of  
23 the task force.

24 (2) The task force shall determine the appropriate carbon  
25 reduction targets for electric utilities, to be achieved according to  
26 the following schedule:

27 (a) January 1, 2030, and each year thereafter through December 31,  
28 2034;

29 (b) January 1, 2035, and each year thereafter through December 31,  
30 2039;

31 (c) January 1, 2040, and each year thereafter through December 31,  
32 2044; and

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

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

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

9 (b) Reliability, ratepayer costs, and regional market impacts,  
10 including impacts on multistate utilities, energy imbalance markets,  
11 the potential for negative pricing, and impacts on renewable energy  
12 credit markets;

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

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

16 (e) The potential policy interactions between an emission  
17 reduction requirement for the electricity sector and other carbon  
18 reduction policies;

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

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

22 (h) Equitable treatment among utilities.

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

26 (5) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for  
27 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
28 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
29 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
30 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for  
31 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

32 (6) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
33 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
34 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee

1 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
2 successor committees.

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

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

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

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

EFFECT: Strikes the establishment of a Joint Select Committee on Washington's Clean Energy Transition, and instead 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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