

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2381

By Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

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1 AN ACT concerning energy; establishing the state energy plan task force;
2 requiring the development of a comprehensive state energy plan.

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4 WHEREAS, The electric rate study commissioned by the Kansas
5 legislature pursuant to 2019 Substitute for Senate Bill No. 69
6 recommended several near-term steps to gradually achieve regionally
7 competitive electricity rates; and

8 WHEREAS, The study identified that Kansas lacks a state energy plan,
9 and the development of a state energy plan would help Kansas determine
10 the state's energy goals; and

11 WHEREAS, Affordable, reliable, clean and abundant energy is critical
12 to the health and welfare of Kansas citizens, and meeting the state's need
13 for such energy will require engagement of all stakeholders; and

14 WHEREAS, A state energy plan will foster long-term energy
15 affordability and price stability for Kansas' residents, businesses and
16 institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, Development of a state energy plan will lead the state
18 towards a prosperous, abundant and sustainable energy future that will
19 create jobs and improve the quality of life for all Kansans.

20 Now, therefore:

21 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

22 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the state energy plan task
23 force. The state energy plan task force shall be composed of the following
24 members:

25 (1) The chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member
26 of the house of representatives standing committee on energy, utilities and
27 telecommunications;

28 (2) the chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of
29 the senate standing committee on utilities;

30 (3) one member appointed by the investor-owned electric utility with
31 the largest service territory in the state;

32 (4) one member appointed by Kansas electric cooperatives, inc.;

33 (5) one member appointed by the Kansas municipal utilities;

34 (6) one member appointed by the natural gas public utility with the
35 largest service territory in the state;

36 (7) one member appointed by the Kansas independent oil and gas

- 1 association;
- 2 (8) one member appointed by the climate and energy project;
- 3 (9) one member who has expertise in energy economics appointed by
- 4 the governor;
- 5 (10) one member appointed by the renew Kansas biofuels
- 6 association;
- 7 (11) one member appointed by the Kansas economic development
- 8 alliance;
- 9 (12) one member appointed by the Kansas farm bureau;
- 10 (13) one member appointed by the Kansas advanced power alliance;
- 11 and
- 12 (14) the following non-voting members:
- 13 (A) The chairperson of the state corporation commission or the
- 14 chairperson's designee;
- 15 (B) the secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee;
- 16 (C) the secretary of transportation or the secretary's designee;
- 17 (D) the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's
- 18 designee;
- 19 (E) the state geologist or the state geologist's designee;
- 20 (F) the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee;
- 21 (G) one member appointed by the United States department of
- 22 defense; and
- 23 (H) one member appointed by the citizens' utility ratepayer board.
- 24 (b) The task force shall develop a state energy plan that provides
- 25 statewide strategies to:
- 26 (1) Assess current and future energy technologies and needs;
- 27 (2) enhance energy efficiency and **plan for** electric vehicle
- 28 **infrastructure as part of a comprehensive strategy for vehicle fueling**
- 29 **infrastructure that includes biofuels, alternative fuels and petroleum**
- 30 **fuels;**
- 31 (3) stimulate economic development;
- 32 (4) expand economic opportunity and workforce development;
- 33 (5) stimulate development of new and emerging energy technologies
- 34 and systems; and
- 35 (6) promote diversity of the resources that supply energy to and
- 36 within Kansas while promoting affordability for consumers and protecting
- 37 the environment and the state's natural resources.
- 38 (c) The task force shall make recommendations regarding the
- 39 initiation, design, implementation and evaluation of the state energy plan.
- 40 The task force shall develop such recommendations through a transparent
- 41 and inclusive stakeholder process. The task force's recommendations shall:
- 42 (1) Take into consideration a comprehensive perspective of the state's
- 43 energy profile, including all energy resources and end-use sectors;

1 (2) project future energy supply and demand and the potential
2 impacts of supply shifts, geopolitical risks and uncertainties, technological
3 changes and other factors that affect short-term and long-term energy
4 needs;

5 (3) provide a framework that allows leaders across the state to make
6 informed decisions based on a defined and structured plan;

7 (4) offer a plan of action that lays out clear recommendations and
8 achievable goals; and

9 (5) propose future activities, actions or legislation that may be
10 necessary to ensure continued viability and long-term implementation of
11 the state energy plan, including whether such plan should be implemented
12 and administered by any certain state agency or division.

13 (d) During odd-numbered years, the chairperson of the house of
14 representatives standing committee on energy, utilities and
15 telecommunications shall be the chairperson of the task force and the
16 chairperson of the senate standing committee on utilities shall be the vice-
17 chairperson of the task force. During even-numbered years, the
18 chairperson of the senate standing committee on utilities shall be the
19 chairperson of the task force and the chairperson of the house of
20 representatives standing committee on energy, utilities and
21 telecommunications shall be the vice-chairperson of the task force.

22 (e) Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be filled in
23 the same manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.
24 The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the state upon
25 the call of the chairperson.

26 (f) The state energy office division of the state corporation
27 commission shall provide administrative assistance to facilitate
28 organization and meetings of the task force. Such administrative assistance
29 shall include, but not be limited to, providing a meeting facilitator,
30 publishing meeting agendas, public notices, meeting minutes and
31 providing any research, data or information requested by the task force.

32 (g) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative
33 research department and the division of legislative administrative services
34 shall provide assistance as may be requested by the task force.

35 (h) If approved by the legislative coordinating council, the legislative
36 members of the task force attending meetings authorized by the task force
37 shall be paid amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in
38 K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

39 (i) On or before January 31, 2023, the task force shall submit the
40 comprehensive state energy plan and recommendations to the governor,
41 the legislature, the house of representatives standing committee on energy,
42 utilities and telecommunications and the senate standing committee on
43 utilities.

1 (j) This section shall expire on July 1, 2023.

2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.