

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 130

By: Burns, Bullard, and
Hamilton of the Senate

and

Boles of the House

POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
defining terms; directing the Commission to enact
certain requisitions; specifying terms of
requisition; providing for preference of certain
acquisition; prescribing contents of study; directing
publishing and transmission of study by certain date;
providing for codification; and declaring an
emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 803 of Title 17, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of
this act, the Corporation Commission shall start the process to
engage an outside consulting firm to conduct a technical and legal
feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state. This

1 engagement shall be exempt from the state procurement process under
2 Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and follow
3 the Corporation Commission process to retain expert witnesses on
4 behalf of the agency to ensure the ability to timely conduct the
5 study and complete the requirements of this section. The consulting
6 firm shall be well-established in the nuclear industry.

7 B. The feasibility study shall evaluate and consider:

8 1. Advantages and disadvantages of generating nuclear energy in
9 this state, including, but not limited to, the economic and
10 environmental impacts;

11 2. Methods to maximize existing workforce and products made in
12 this state for the construction of nuclear energy generation
13 facilities;

14 3. Design characteristics, including recommendations for design
15 specification and site selection;

16 4. Environmental and ecological impacts;

17 5. Land and siting criteria, including specific geographic
18 areas that are best suited for new nuclear generation, as well as
19 cities near military bases that may use new nuclear electric
20 generation to meet the military resiliency requirements of 10
21 U.S.C., Section 2920;

22 6. Safety criteria;

23 7. Engineering and cost-related information;

1 8. Small modular nuclear reactor and microreactors capability;

2 and

3 9. Socioeconomic factors, including, but not limited to:

4 a. workforce education, training, and development,

5 b. local and state tax base,

6 c. supply chain capability,

7 d. permanent and temporary job creation,

8 e. timeline for development, including areas of potential

9 efficiencies, and potential leveraging of existing

10 facilities within this state,

11 f. literature review of studies that have assessed the

12 potential impact of nuclear energy generation, and

13 g. policy recommendations to support nuclear energy

14 generation, including a survey of federal programs to

15 financially assist the development of a nuclear

16 project in this state.

17 C. The Corporation Commission in conjunction with retail
18 electric suppliers and municipally owned electric utilities shall
19 cooperate in providing information relevant to the feasibility
20 study, providing for reasonable safeguards to protect confidential
21 information.

22 D. Not later than nine (9) months after the effective date of
23 this act, the Corporation Commission shall electronically deliver
24 the feasibility study findings to the President Pro Tempore of the

1 Oklahoma State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
2 Representatives, and the Governor.

3 E. In the event the Corporation Commission is unable to hire a
4 consultant to complete the report, the Commission is authorized to
5 conduct a notice of inquiry and utilize the information received
6 from the stakeholders in conjunction with a consulting firm to
7 reduce the cost of gathering information for the purpose of the
8 study and report.

9 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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