

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB3175
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute for HB 3175 creates the Advanced Nuclear Energy Office which is responsible for providing statutory and regulatory readiness for nuclear energy. The Office must submit a proposed regulatory framework for nuclear energy to the Governor and legislative leaders by December 1, 2027. Both the Office and the Corporation Commission may promulgate rules to implement the regulatory framework.

The Governor must appoint a director for the Office, or assign the duties of the office to the Secretary of Energy and Environment. The Director may employ a Nuclear Permitting Coordinator, with specific qualifications, to assist in the nuclear permitting and regulatory process.

Further, the measure creates a revolving fund, from which the Office may administer grants for nuclear projects upon legislative authorization. The measure lists requirements for evaluating and approving each grant application. The grants may only reimburse a recipient for expenses paid using their own funds. Before awarding a grant, the Office must enter into a written agreement with the recipient specifying benchmarks and repayment processes if benchmarks aren't met. No more than 20% of the grants administered each year may go toward a project's initial development, as defined in the measure. No more than 80% of the grants may go toward expenses associated with construction.

Lastly, the Office may also administer grants for the costs associated with completion of an operational nuclear reactor that is interconnected with the regional transmission operator. The grant amount will be based on a per megawatt basis.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

