

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE
GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 15, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB130

By: Burns, Bullard and Hamilton of the Senate and Boles of the House

Title: Corporation Commission; directing Commission to enact certain requisitions; contents of study; directing publishing and transmission of study by certain date. Emergency.

together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

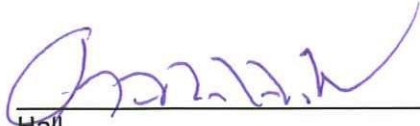
1. By restoring the Enacting Clause.
2. By restoring the title as follows:

An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; directing Commission to conduct certain feasibility study subject to certain process; prescribing contents of study; directing publishing and transmission of study by certain date; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

SB 130

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:


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Brooks

Dossett

Gollihare

Goodwin

Green

Haste

Hicks

Howard

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Murdock


Pederson

Prieto

Pugh

Rader

Reinhardt

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Sacchieri

Seifried

Stanley

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Woods

HOUSE CONFEREES:

General Conference Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
2 TO
3 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 130 By: Burns, Bullard, and
4 Hamilton of the Senate
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6 and
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8 Boles of the House
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11 [Corporation Commission - feasibility study -
12 appropriation - codification -
13 emergency]
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15 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause, and
16 entire bill and insert:
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18 "[Corporation Commission - terms - enact
19 requisitions - preference - contents of study -
20 publishing and transmission - certain date -
21 codification -
22 emergency]
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1 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

2 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
3 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 803 of Title 17, unless there is
4 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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6 A. Not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of
7 this act, the Corporation Commission shall start the process to
8 engage an outside consulting firm to conduct a technical and legal
9 feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state. This
10 engagement shall be exempt from the state procurement process under
11 Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and follow
12 the Corporation Commission process to retain expert witnesses on
13 behalf of the agency to ensure the ability to timely conduct the
14 study and complete the requirements of this section. The consulting
15 firm shall be well-established in the nuclear industry.

16 B. The feasibility study shall evaluate and consider:

17 1. Advantages and disadvantages of generating nuclear energy in
18 this state, including, but not limited to, the economic and
19 environmental impacts;

20 2. Methods to maximize existing workforce and products made in
21 this state for the construction of nuclear energy generation
22 facilities;

23 3. Design characteristics, including recommendations for design
24 specification and site selection;

1 4. Environmental and ecological impacts;

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

7 6. Safety criteria;

8 7. Engineering and cost-related information;

9 8. Small modular nuclear reactor and microreactors capability;
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11 9. Socioeconomic factors, including, but not limited to:

12 a. workforce education, training, and development,

13 b. local and state tax base,

14 c. supply chain capability,

15 d. permanent and temporary job creation,

16 e. timeline for development, including areas of potential
17 efficiencies, and potential leveraging of existing
18 facilities within this state,

19 f. literature review of studies that have assessed the
20 potential impact of nuclear energy generation, and

21 g. policy recommendations to support nuclear energy
22 generation, including a survey of federal programs to
23 financially assist the development of a nuclear
24 project in this state.

1 C. The Corporation Commission in conjunction with retail
2 electric suppliers and municipally owned electric utilities shall
3 cooperate in providing information relevant to the feasibility
4 study, providing for reasonable safeguards to protect confidential
5 information.

6 D. Not later than nine (9) months after the effective date of
7 this act, the Corporation Commission shall electronically deliver
8 the feasibility study findings to the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Oklahoma State Senate, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
10 Representatives, and the Governor.

11 E. In the event the Corporation Commission is unable to hire a
12 consultant to complete the report, the Commission is authorized to
13 conduct a notice of inquiry and utilize the information received
14 from the stakeholders in conjunction with a consulting firm to
15 reduce the cost of gathering information for the purpose of the
16 study and report.

17 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of May, 2025.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives
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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2025.

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2 BILL NO. 130

By: Burns, Bullard, and
Hamilton of the Senate

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4 Boles of the House

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

12 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 803 of Title 17, unless there is
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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16 this act, the Corporation Commission shall start the process to
17 engage an outside consulting firm to conduct a technical and legal
18 feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state. This
19 engagement shall be exempt from the state procurement process under
20 Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and follow
21 the Corporation Commission process to retain expert witnesses on
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23 study and complete the requirements of this section. The consulting
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3 this state, including, but not limited to, the economic and
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12 areas that are best suited for new nuclear generation, as well as
13 cities near military bases that may use new nuclear electric
14 generation to meet the military resiliency requirements of 10
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- e. timeline for development, including areas of potential efficiencies, and potential leveraging of existing facilities within this state,
- f. literature review of studies that have assessed the potential impact of nuclear energy generation, and
- g. policy recommendations to support nuclear energy generation, including a survey of federal programs to financially assist the development of a nuclear project in this state.

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

D. Not later than nine (9) months after the effective date of this act, the Corporation Commission shall electronically deliver the feasibility study findings to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor.

E. In the event the Corporation Commission is unable to hire a consultant to complete the report for an amount less than the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the Commission is authorized to conduct a notice of inquiry and utilize the information received from the stakeholders in conjunction with a consulting firm to

1 reduce the cost of gathering information for the purpose of the
2 study and report.

3 SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Corporation
4 Commission from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the
5 General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year
6 ending June 30, 2024, the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand
7 Dollars (\$375,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to
8 perform the feasibility study as provided for in Section 1 of this
9 act.

10 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

14 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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18 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
19 2025.

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