

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
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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7 [Corporation Commission - feasibility study -
8 appropriation - codification -
9 emergency]

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

12 SECTION 1. 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:

15 A. Not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of
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
22 behalf of the agency to ensure the ability to timely conduct the
23 study and complete the requirements of this section. The consulting
24 firm shall be well-established in the nuclear industry.

1 B. The feasibility study shall evaluate and consider:

2 1. Advantages and disadvantages of generating nuclear energy in
3 this state, including, but not limited to, the economic and
4 environmental impacts;

5 2. Methods to maximize existing workforce and products made in
6 this state for the construction of nuclear energy generation
7 facilities;

8 3. Design characteristics, including recommendations for design
9 specification and site selection;

10 4. Environmental and ecological impacts;

11 5. Land and siting criteria, including specific geographic
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
15 U.S.C., Section 2920;

16 6. Safety criteria;

17 7. Engineering and cost-related information;

18 8. Small modular nuclear reactor and microreactors capability;

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

21 a. workforce education, training, and development,

22 b. local and state tax base,

23 c. supply chain capability,

24 d. permanent and temporary job creation,

- 1 e. timeline for development, including areas of potential
- 2 efficiencies, and potential leveraging of existing
- 3 facilities within this state,
- 4 f. literature review of studies that have assessed the
- 5 potential impact of nuclear energy generation, and
- 6 g. policy recommendations to support nuclear energy
- 7 generation, including a survey of federal programs to
- 8 financially assist the development of a nuclear
- 9 project in this state.

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

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

20 E. In the event the Corporation Commission is unable to hire a
21 consultant to complete the report for an amount less than the funds
22 appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the Commission is authorized
23 to conduct a notice of inquiry and utilize the information received
24 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 2. 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 3. 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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