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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 271

AN ACT concerning natural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014] (a) **The general assembly urges the legislative council to assign to the appropriate committee the following responsibilities for the 2014 legislative interim:**

- (1) Receive testimony and information from the Indiana utility regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2 concerning the findings presented by the commission in its most recent report to the legislative council under IC 8-1-30.5-3(c)(1).**
- (2) Receive testimony on the effect that the relative availability of water resources has upon state and regional economic development decisions.**
- (3) Receive testimony concerning ways in which state government agencies could better coordinate their activities relating to the management of water resources.**
- (4) Receive testimony concerning ways in which state and local governments can better coordinate their activities relating to the management of water resources.**
- (5) Receive testimony concerning the unique water resource challenges facing rural Indiana and, in particular, the agricultural community, including aquifer withdrawals, surface water concerns, and inter-basin transfers.**

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(6) Receive testimony that evaluates:

(A) the recommendations set forth by the Indiana utility regulatory commission in its most recent report to the legislative council under IC 8-1-30.5-3(c)(1); and

(B) other recommendations concerning Indiana's water resources.

(7) Receive testimony on the key elements that a state water plan should contain.

(8) Study the potential creation of a water institute.

(9) Study the potential creation of a water management authority.

(b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2014.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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