

HOUSE BILL No. 2745

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning energy policy; relating to the state corporation
2 commission; development of a state energy plan.

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4 WHEREAS, The electric rate study that was required by the Kansas
5 legislature in 2019 Substitute for Senate Bill No. 69 was intended to assist
6 future legislative and regulatory efforts in developing an electric policy
7 that includes regionally competitive rates and reliable electric service; and

8 WHEREAS, The study identifies that Kansas lacks a state energy plan,
9 and the development of a plan would help Kansas determine the state's
10 energy goals and how to achieve them while minimizing the costs to
11 Kansans; and

12 WHEREAS, Affordable, reliable, clean and abundant energy is critical
13 to the health and welfare of Kansas citizens, and meeting the state's need
14 for such energy will require engagement of all energy stakeholders; and

15 WHEREAS, A state energy plan will help ensure that future utility
16 investments and operational expenditures are cost effective to help foster
17 long-term energy affordability and price stability for Kansas' residents,
18 businesses and institutions; and

19 WHEREAS, Development of a state energy plan will lead the state
20 towards a prosperous and sustainable energy future and will create jobs
21 and improve the quality of life for all Kansans; and

22 WHEREAS, Kansas will benefit from a comprehensive, adaptable,
23 guiding and strategic state energy plan.

24 Now, therefore:

25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

26 Section 1. (a) The state corporation commission shall lead a statewide
27 initiative to develop a comprehensive state energy plan and shall present
28 such proposed plan to the legislature in accordance with subsection (d).
29 The state energy plan shall establish statewide strategies to:

30 (1) Meet current and future energy needs in a manner that promotes
31 affordability and price stability for energy consumers;

32 (2) enhance energy system and infrastructure reliability, resiliency,
33 safety and security;

34 (3) stimulate economic development;

35 (4) expand economic opportunity and workforce development;

36 (5) stimulate development of new and emerging energy technologies

1 and systems;

2 (6) promote diversity of the resources that supply energy to and
3 within Kansas while preserving cost-effectiveness for consumers; and

4 (7) promote the protection of the environment and the state's natural
5 resources.

6 (b) The state energy plan shall:

7 (1) Take into consideration a holistic perspective of the state's energy
8 profile, including all energy resources and end-use sectors, and include
9 input from the public and all interested stakeholders;

10 (2) project future energy supply and demand and model the potential
11 impacts of supply shifts, geopolitical risks and uncertainties, technological
12 changes and other factors that affect short-term and long-term energy
13 needs;

14 (3) provide a framework that allows leaders across the state to make
15 informed and educated decisions based on the predictability ensured by a
16 defined and structured plan; and

17 (4) offer a deliberate and vetted plan of action that lays out clear
18 recommendations and actions that identify measurable and achievable
19 goals.

20 (c) The state corporation commission shall conduct public meetings
21 around the state and shall solicit input from the public and all interested
22 stakeholders in the development of the state energy plan.

23 (d) (1) During the 2021 regular session of the legislature, the
24 commission shall submit an interim report on the progress of the
25 development of the state energy plan, including any preliminary
26 recommendations, to the house of representatives standing committee on
27 energy, utilities and telecommunications and to the senate standing
28 committee on utilities.

29 (2) During the 2022 regular session of the legislature, the commission
30 shall submit a report on the proposed state energy plan to the legislature
31 and shall present such plan to the house of representatives standing
32 committee on energy, utilities and telecommunications and to the senate
33 standing committee on utilities.

34 (e) On or before July 1, 2022, the state corporation commission shall
35 adopt the state energy plan if such plan has been approved by the
36 legislature by law or concurrent resolution.

37 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.