

**COALITION OF ENERGY PRODUCING STATES**

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies provisions relating to an energy producer states' agreement.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ changes the membership of the group of legislators appointed to participate in multistate discussions involving agreements that encourage the development of domestic energy resources;

▶ changes a reporting date; and

▶ modifies a repeal date.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

**AMENDS:**

**36-12-20**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 39

**63I-1-236**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 39

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **36-12-20** is amended to read:



28 **36-12-20. Membership selection -- Agreements -- Goals -- Meetings -- Reports.**

29 (1) The speaker of the House shall appoint two members and the president of the  
 30 Senate shall appoint ~~two members,~~ ~~[of which no more than three of the four~~  
 30a ~~members shall be~~  
 31 ~~from the same political party;]~~ ~~two members~~ ~~to study and work with~~  
 31a ~~legislative members of~~  
 32 ~~other energy producing states for the purpose of developing a proposed energy producer states'~~  
 33 ~~agreement.~~

34 (2) The proposed energy producer states' agreement shall have the following goals:

- 35 (a) to encourage domestic development of energy in the United States;  
 36 (b) to ensure the continued development of each state's domestic natural resources;  
 37 (c) to deliver a unified message to the federal government from energy producing states

38 by:

- 39 (i) participating in the development of proposed federal legislation and regulations; and  
 40 (ii) making recommendations regarding existing federal law and regulations including  
 41 the following:

- 42 (A) the Environmental Protection Act;  
 43 (B) the Endangered Species Act; and  
 44 (C) federal land access issues that affect the production of energy;  
 45 (d) to eliminate or reduce overly broad federal legislation; and  
 46 (e) to identify and address consequences of delays and cancellations of economically  
 47 viable energy projects.

48 (3) Appointed members shall produce a report with recommendations regarding an  
 49 energy producer states' agreement to the National Resources, Agriculture, and Environment  
 50 Interim Committee ~~and the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee~~  
 50a on or before  
 51 ~~[October 1, 2011]~~ November 30, 2012.

52 (4) Salaries and expenses of the appointed members may be paid in accordance with  
 53 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, ~~[Expenses]~~ Expense and  
 54 Mileage Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto  
 55 Override Sessions.

56 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff  
 57 assistance as requested.

58 Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

59           **63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.**

60           (1) Section 36-12-20 is repealed June 30, [~~2012~~] 2013.

61           (2) Sections 36-26-101 through 36-26-104 are repealed December 31, 2017.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**