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Missouri House Passes HB 1753 to Ensure Reliable Energy Transition

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – The Missouri House of Representatives has passed HB 1753, a crucial piece of legislation aimed at ensuring the smooth transition of the state's energy sector while safeguarding reliable electricity supply. Sponsored by State Representative Brad Pollitt, the bill garnered bipartisan support and was heralded as a significant step forward in the state's energy policy.

HB 1753 mandates that before the closure of existing baseload electric generating power plants, electric corporations in Missouri must certify that they have secured and placed on the electric grid an equal or greater amount of replacement reliable electric generation. Additionally, the bill requires the full operationalization of adequate transmission infrastructure necessary to interconnect the new generation to the state's electric grid.

Commenting on the passage of the bill, Representative Brad Pollitt stated, "I am proud to see HB 1753 pass out of the Missouri House. This legislation serves as a vital consumer protection bill, and is crucial for ensuring that Missouri's energy transition is not only environmentally sustainable but also maintains the reliability of our power grid. By requiring adequate replacement generation and transmission infrastructure, we are securing a brighter energy future for all Missourians."

House Speaker Dean Plocher echoed Representative Pollitt's sentiments, emphasizing the importance of balancing renewable energy goals with grid reliability. Speaker Plocher remarked, "HB 1753 represents a thoughtful approach to our state's energy policy. It's essential to ensure that we do not compromise the stability of our power grid."

HB 1753 now moves to the Missouri Senate for further consideration.

Rep. Brad Pollitt, a Republican, represents part of Pettis County, District 052 in the Missouri House of Representatives. Rep. Pollitt was elected in November 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Pollitt at 573-751-9774 or by email at Bradley.Pollitt@house.mo.gov.