

HCS SB 727 -- STATE ENERGY PLAN

SPONSOR: Emery (Bondon)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill requires the Missouri Division of Energy to review the comprehensive state energy plan implemented by the division by January 1, 2020. The plan shall be reviewed biennially thereafter to ensure certain listed goals and updated as needed. The division shall use a diverse stakeholder input system either directly or by contracting with a qualified organization, and issue a report along with each review, suggesting policy changes.

This bill is similar to HB 1998 (2018) and HB 661 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Missouri must prepare for the changing energy landscape. A required review of the state's energy plan and resources will better prepare Missouri for the future.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Emery; Missouri Energy Initiative; Missouri Energy Development Association; Missouri Electric Cooperatives; Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities; and Dogwood Energy.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.