

SENATE FILE NO. SF0138

Electrical transmission, generation & taxation review.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Mockler and Decaria

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to electrical transmission; providing for a
2 study of the electrical industry in this state as
3 specified; requiring a report; providing an appropriation;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) The department of revenue shall contract for an
11 independent study of the electrical industry in this state
12 and the surrounding region. The study shall:

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14 (i) Review the current electrical production
15 capacity in this state and the projected needs for future
16 interstate and intrastate electrical generation
17 transmission;

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2 (ii) Review the volume of in-state and
3 interstate use of electricity and the generation capacity
4 of electricity in this state in light of the amount of
5 electricity that is exported from this state;

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7 (iii) Review the economic impacts of:

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9 (A) The number of jobs that are generated
10 by the construction of electrical generation facilities in
11 this state during and after construction;

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13 (B) The amount of ad valorem property taxes
14 paid by electrical generation companies and the entire
15 electrical generation industry in this state;

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17 (C) The amount of taxes paid regionally and
18 the amount of taxes received by this state;

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20 (D) The potential impact of an electrical
21 generation tax.

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1 (iv) Review the possibility of new development
2 and the impacts of that development on land, air and water
3 quality;

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5 (v) Review the potential impact that eminent
6 domain may have on electrical generation facility
7 development including land currently acquired by eminent
8 domain and the potential land to be acquired for new
9 electrical generation;

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11 (vi) An analysis of value added return on new
12 electrical transmission in light of the potential
13 exportation of electricity from this state.

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15 (b) The department of revenue shall provide any
16 necessary administrative support for the study required by
17 subsection (a) of this section.

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19 (c) Following completion of the study, a report shall
20 be submitted to the joint minerals, business and economic
21 development and the joint revenue interim committees not
22 later than December 1, 2007.

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1 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
2 fund for the period beginning with the effective date of
3 this act two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00)
4 to the department of revenue for the purposes of this act.
5 Any unexpended funds remaining on June 30, 2008, shall
6 revert to the general fund.

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8 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
9 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
10 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
11 Constitution.

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