

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1998

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BONDON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the comprehensive state energy plan.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 620.3150, to read as follows:

**620.3150. 1. The comprehensive state energy plan developed by the division of energy shall be reviewed by the division by January 1, 2020, and biennially thereafter, and updated if necessary, in accordance with the provisions of this section.**

**2. The state's comprehensive state energy plan shall be reviewed to ensure that it:**

**(1) Is consistent with Article I, Section 2 of the Missouri Constitution;**

**(2) Encourages private investment in energy solutions that will help customers better manage their energy bills and help reduce fuel costs while ensuring fairness;**

**(3) Develops free market strategies to attract private capital investment;**

**(4) Identifies and evaluates transportation alternatives;**

**(5) Creates an uncumbersome regulatory environment that allows the state's energy utilities to chart a vibrant changing future by operating with greater efficiency, consumer flexibility, and reliability, and that supports pricing that is predictable and sustainable;**

**(6) Supports public and private efforts to foster a supply of energy to consumers that is abundant, reliable, and cost efficient; and**

**(7) Monitors areas of potential growth or development, including forecasts of five and ten years for energy demand and supply, infrastructure demands, and identification**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 of additional costs, risks, benefits, uncertainties, and market potential of energy supply  
18 resource alternatives.

19       **3. The division of energy, either directly or through contracting with an**  
20 **organization that is qualified to adequately meet the aforementioned goals, shall use a**  
21 **diverse stakeholder system through both online engagement and in-person meetings**  
22 **throughout the state to conduct the review.**

23       **4. A report shall be issued by the division of energy, along with the review required**  
24 **under this section, that shall suggest policy changes for the state that:**

25       **(1) Provide improved reliability of the energy systems within the state;**

26       **(2) Insulate customers from volatility in market prices;**

27       **(3) Reduce the overall cost of energy in the state;**

28       **(4) Reasonably address public health and environmental impacts; and**

29       **(5) Identify and analyze emerging trends in supply, price, demand, and technology,**  
30 **as well as energy policies and programs that impact the state.**

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