Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 131 requires any electric utility electing to retire coal-powered facility to submit notice to the Corporation Commission of the closure as well as disclose any preliminary plans regarding the replacement of the coal-fired electric generation facility. Notice shall include the cost to replace the facility. The utility is directed to prioritize replacing the facility with an advanced nuclear facility or a natural gas electric generation facility. Any entity seeking to construct a nuclear facility shall also construct sufficient storage to receive and safely store spent fuel within the same 5-digit zip code as the power facility. Any entity seeking to construct a nuclear facility shall also submit an application to the Department of Environmental Quality.

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