

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 130

By: Burns of the Senate

and

Boles of the House

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10 An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
11 defining terms; directing Commission to conduct
12 certain feasibility study subject to certain process;
13 prescribing contents of study; directing publishing
and transmission of study by certain date; making an
appropriation; stating purpose; providing for
codification; and declaring an emergency.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 803 of Title 17, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Not later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of
21 this act, the Corporation Commission shall start the process to
22 engage an outside consulting firm to conduct a technical and legal
23 feasibility study on nuclear energy generation in this state. This
24 engagement shall be exempt from the state procurement process under

1 Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and follow
2 the Corporation Commission process to retain expert witnesses on
3 behalf of the agency to ensure the ability to timely conduct the
4 study and complete the requirements of this section. The consulting
5 firm shall be well-established in the nuclear industry.

6 B. The feasibility study shall evaluate and consider:

7 1. Advantages and disadvantages of generating nuclear energy in
8 this state, including, but not limited to, the economic and
9 environmental impacts;

10 2. Methods to maximize existing workforce and products made in
11 this state for the construction of nuclear energy generation
12 facilities;

13 3. Design characteristics, including recommendations for design
14 specification and site selection;

15 4. Environmental and ecological impacts;

16 5. Land and siting criteria, including specific geographic
17 areas that are best suited for new nuclear generation, as well as
18 cities near military bases that may use new nuclear electric
19 generation to meet the military resiliency requirements of 10
20 U.S.C., Section 2920;

21 6. Safety criteria;

22 7. Engineering and cost-related information;

23 8. Small modular nuclear reactor and microreactors capability;

24 and

1 9. Socioeconomic factors, including, but not limited to:

2 a. workforce education, training, and development,

3 b. local and state tax base,

4 c. supply chain capability,

5 d. permanent and temporary job creation,

6 e. timeline for development, including areas of potential

7 efficiencies, and potential leveraging of existing

8 facilities within this state,

9 f. literature review of studies that have assessed the

10 potential impact of nuclear energy generation, and

11 g. policy recommendations to support nuclear energy

12 generation, including a survey of federal programs to

13 financially assist the development of a nuclear

14 project in this state.

15 C. The Corporation Commission in conjunction with retail
16 electric suppliers and municipally owned electric utilities shall
17 cooperate in providing information relevant to the feasibility
18 study, providing for reasonable safeguards to protect confidential
19 information.

20 D. Not later than nine (9) months after the effective date of
21 this act, the Corporation Commission shall electronically deliver
22 the feasibility study findings to the President Pro Tempore of the
23 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
24 Governor.

1 E. In the event the Corporation Commission is unable to hire a
2 consultant to complete the report for an amount less than the funds
3 appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the Commission is authorized
4 to conduct a notice of inquiry and utilize the information received
5 from the stakeholders in conjunction with a consulting firm to
6 reduce the cost of gathering information for the purpose of the
7 study and report.

8 SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Corporation
9 Commission from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the
10 General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year
11 ending June 30, 2024, the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand
12 Dollars (\$375,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to
13 perform the feasibility study as provided for in Section 1 of this
14 act.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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