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HOUSE BILL NO. 692 (Substitute for House Bill No. 583 by Representative Landry)

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ENERGY: Establishes state policy regarding affordable, reliable energy and grid resilience

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 17 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 30:1501 and 1502, relative to clean energy solutions; to provide
4 definitions; to provide for affordable, reliable, and clean energy security; to provide
5 for energy security and affordability; to provide the criteria for reliable energy
6 sources and for green energy and clean energy; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 17 of Subtitle I of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes of 1950,
9 comprised of R.S. 30:1501 and 1502, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 17. ENERGY GRID

11 §1501. Definitions

12 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed
13 to them in this Section, unless context clearly indicates a different meaning:

14 (1) "Affordable" shall mean the lowest cost method of providing electricity
15 is used, factoring in the true and total cost of each generation source.

16 (2) "Dispatchable" shall mean a source of electricity that is readily available
17 for use on demand and whose output can be deployed upon request of a power grid
18 operator or one whose power output can be adjusted according to market needs,
19 except during routine maintenance or repairs.

1 (3) "Foreign adversary country" shall mean any country specified in 10
2 U.S.C. 4872(f)(2).

3 (4) "Reliable" shall mean a source of electricity that is not subject to
4 intermittent availability or routine expected daily weather and has a performance
5 standard of eighty percent or greater and only falls below that level during routine
6 maintenance or repairs.

7 §1502. Affordable, reliable, and clean energy security

8 A. The Department of Energy and Natural Resources shall work with the
9 Public Service Commission to prioritize affordable, reliable, and clean energy
10 security within the state of Louisiana by:

11 (1) Ensuring the state prioritizes fuel sources primarily produced
12 domestically within the United States. Fuel for use in nuclear reactors shall be
13 sourced primarily from North America and may not be sourced from foreign
14 adversary nations except when subject to international treaty or other similar
15 instrument affected by the United States.

16 (2) Minimizing reliance on foreign nations for critical materials or
17 manufacturing by prioritizing infrastructure necessary to deliver energy to Louisiana
18 customers.

19 B. Energy sources shall:

20 (1) Be affordable.

21 (2) Be reliable.

22 (3) Deliver cost savings to residential and commercial customers relative to
23 energy sources as listed in 42 U.S.C. 15852(b) based on the average cost per unit of
24 energy output calculated to exclude any direct or indirect payment by any level of
25 government for the past five years.

26 (4) Be dispatchable.

27 (5) Use energy generated by hydrocarbons as a resource.

28 C.(1) Reliable energy sources shall meet the following criteria:

1 (a) Be dispatchable to meet the demands of residential and commercial
2 customers at all times of day and during all seasons of the year with minimal
3 interruptions during high usage periods.

4 (b) Include energy generated by hydrocarbons.

5 (2) Energy resources used for power generation must demonstrate:

6 (a) A stable energy grid that:

7 (i) Has a continuously dispatchable electricity output.

8 (ii) Has the capability to increase or decrease electricity generation within
9 one hour to stabilize the electrical grid.

10 (b) An ability to provide backup to renewable energy sources during periods
11 of low availability.

12 D.(1) Green energy shall be any energy generated by utilizing those energy
13 sources listed in 42 U.S.C. 15852(b) or hydrocarbons which, when combusted for the
14 purpose of electricity generation, meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards
15 set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the authority of the
16 Clean Air Act and:

17 (a) Include energy generated by nuclear reactors.

18 (b) Include energy generated using natural gas.

19 (2) Green energy as defined by this Subsection shall be applicable to all state
20 programs that fund "green energy" or "clean energy" initiatives.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for energy security and affordability and provides the criteria for reliable energy sources including green energy and clean energy.

Proposed law defines "affordable", "dispatchable", "foreign adversary country", and "reliable".

Proposed law provides for the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources to work with the Public Service Commission to ensure the state's energy sources, including fuel for nuclear

reactors, are domestically produced and that infrastructure that minimizes reliance on foreign energy sources are prioritized.

Proposed law provides for energy sources to include only those that are affordable, reliable, cost effective, and dispatchable.

Proposed law provides for reliable energy sources to be dispatchable and to include energy generated by hydrocarbons as a resource and to provide for grid stability.

Proposed law specifies that green energy includes energy generated by utilizing those energy sources listed in federal law (42 U.S.C. 15852(b)) or, in the case of hydrocarbons, when combusted for the purpose of electricity generation meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Proposed law provides that green energy includes energy generated by nuclear reactors and energy generated using natural gas as a resource.

Proposed law provides that the meaning of "green energy" in proposed law is applicable to all programs within the state that fund any "clean energy" or "green energy" initiatives.

(Adds R.S. 30:1501 and 1502)