

1-1 By: Guillen, Lambert (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 4047
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 21, 2023, reported
 1-5 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0, one present not voting; May 21, 2023, sent to
 1-7 printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Birdwell	X			
1-11	Zaffirini	X			
1-12	Alvarado	X			
1-13	Blanco	X			
1-14	Hancock	X			
1-15	Hughes	X			
1-16	Kolkhorst	X			
1-17	Miles	X			
1-18	Sparks				X

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4047 By: Zaffirini

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to a study on the potential for utilization of the uranium
 1-23 deposits in this state.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the
 1-26 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

1-27 SECTION 2. STUDY ON POTENTIAL FOR UTILIZATION OF URANIUM
 1-28 DEPOSITS IN THIS STATE. The commission shall conduct a
 1-29 comprehensive study on the uranium deposits in this state,
 1-30 evaluating the economic benefits of utilizing those deposits to
 1-31 lessen the United States' reliance on foreign sources of uranium
 1-32 while prioritizing public health and safety. The study must:

1-33 (1) assess the potential for utilizing the state's
 1-34 uranium deposits; and

1-35 (2) provide recommendations for strategies,
 1-36 legislative or regulatory changes, potential economic incentive
 1-37 programs, and public health and safety best practices to support
 1-38 the state's uranium mining industry.

1-39 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2024, the
 1-40 commission shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and
 1-41 speaker of the house of representatives a report that includes the
 1-42 findings of the study and any recommendations regarding the matters
 1-43 described by Section 2 of this Act.

1-44 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2025.

1-45 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
 1-46 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
 1-47 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
 1-48 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
 1-49 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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