

Amend CSSB 1667 by inserting the following appropriately-numbered SECTION:

"SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) In recognition of the importance of the issues relating to the importation of radioactive waste into the State of Texas, there is created the Study Commission on Radioactive Waste.

(b) The study commission is composed of 15 members as follows:

(1) three members appointed by the governor;  
(2) five members appointed by the lieutenant governor;  
(3) five members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) the presiding officer of the commission or the presiding officer's designee; and

(5) the chairman of the board or the chairman's designee.

(c) Of the members appointed under Subsection (b)(1), not more than two members may be members of the same political party.

(d) Of the members appointed under Subsection (b)(2):

(1) not more than three members may be members of the same political party; and

(2) three members must be members of the senate.

(e) Of the members appointed under Subsection (b)(3):

(1) not more than three members may be members of the same political party; and

(2) three members must be members of the house of representatives.

(f) Each appointed member of the study commission serves at the will of the appointing authority.

(g) The appointed senator with the most seniority and the appointed representative with the most seniority serve together as co-presiding officers of the study commission.

(h) A member of the study commission is not entitled to receive compensation for service on the study commission but is entitled to reimbursement of the travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the business of the study commission, as provided by the General Appropriations Act.

(i) The study commission may accept gifts and grants from any source to be used to carry out a function of the study commission.

(j) The board and the commission shall provide staff support for the study commission.

(k) The study commission shall conduct public hearings and study public policy implications of the importation of radioactive waste into the state.

(l) The study commission:

(1) shall appoint an advisory scientific committee that will:

(A) serve as impartial scientific advisors and reviewers for the study commission; and

(B) have a membership of no fewer than five and no more than nine total members chosen by the study commission to represent a variety of areas of relevant technical expertise;

(2) may appoint additional advisory committees to assist the study commission; and

(3) may draft proposed legislation to modify existing radioactive waste permitting statutes.

(m) Not later than December 1, 2006, the study commission shall issue a report summarizing:

(1) any hearings conducted by the study commission;

(2) any studies conducted by the study commission;

(3) any legislation proposed by the study commission;

and

(4) any other findings and recommendations of the study commission.

(n) The study commission shall promptly deliver copies of the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

(o) The study commission shall adopt rules to administer this section.

(p) The study commission is abolished and this section expires September 1, 2007."