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H.B. No. 1469

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the preparation of carbon dioxide emissions impact
3 statements for legislation pending before the legislature.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 315, Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 315. IMPACT STATEMENTS REGARDING PENDING
8 LEGISLATION [~~ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT~~]

9 SECTION 2. Sections 315.001 through 315.004, Government
10 Code, are designated as Subchapter A, Chapter 315, Government Code,
11 and a heading to that subchapter is added to read as follows:

12 SUBCHAPTER A. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT ACT

13 SECTION 3. Section 315.001, Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 315.001. SHORT TITLE. This subchapter [~~chapter~~] may
16 be cited as the Economic Impact Statement Act.

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 315, Government Code, is amended by
18 adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

19 SUBCHAPTER B. CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS IMPACT STATEMENTS

20 Sec. 315.021. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "joint
21 resolution" means a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the
22 Texas Constitution.

23 Sec. 315.022. PREPARATION OF STATEMENTS ON CARBON DIOXIDE
24 EMISSIONS IMPACT. (a) The Texas Commission on Environmental

1 Quality and the Legislative Budget Board jointly shall prepare for
2 each joint resolution or bill pending before the legislature in a
3 regular or special session, other than an appropriations bill, a
4 statement of the effect the proposed change in law would have, if
5 implemented, on the anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide in
6 this state.

7 (b) A statement prepared under this section must include:

8 (1) information on the category or categories of
9 sources of carbon dioxide emissions that would be affected by the
10 proposed change in law;

11 (2) information on the increases or decreases in
12 carbon dioxide emissions anticipated to result if the proposed
13 change in law is implemented, measured by units of weight; and

14 (3) any other information specified by a rule or
15 resolution adopted by the house of representatives or the senate.

16 Sec. 315.023. ASSISTANCE OF OTHER AGENCIES. Each board,
17 commission, office, or other agency in the executive or legislative
18 branch of state government shall provide the Texas Commission on
19 Environmental Quality or the Legislative Budget Board with any
20 information or assistance that the Texas Commission on
21 Environmental Quality or the Legislative Budget Board requests in
22 the preparation of a statement under Section 315.022.

23 Sec. 315.024. ATTACHMENT TO BILL OR JOINT RESOLUTION. (a)
24 A committee hearing on a bill or joint resolution introduced in a
25 regular or special session of the legislature may not be conducted
26 unless a statement prepared under Section 315.022 is first attached
27 to the bill or joint resolution.

1 (b) The statement must also be attached to the committee
2 report of the bill or joint resolution and to all subsequent
3 printings.

4 (c) The statement must remain with the bill or joint
5 resolution throughout the legislative process, including on
6 submission to the governor.

7 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to a bill, other than an appropriations bill, or joint resolution to
9 amend the Texas Constitution that is introduced for consideration
10 by the legislature in a regular or special session that begins on or
11 after the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.