

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 184
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1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to "no regrets" greenhouse gas emissions reduction
1-11 strategies.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 2305, Government Code, is amended by
1-14 adding Section 2305.201 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 2305.201. STRATEGIES TO REDUCE EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE
1-16 GASES. (a) In this section, "greenhouse gas" includes carbon
1-17 dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons,
1-18 perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride.

1-19 (b) Not later than December 31, 2010, the comptroller shall
1-20 prepare and deliver to each member of the legislature a report
1-21 including a list of strategies for reducing emissions of greenhouse
1-22 gases in this state that:

1-23 (1) shall result in net savings for consumers or
1-24 businesses in this state;

1-25 (2) can be achieved without financial cost to
1-26 consumers or businesses in this state; or

1-27 (3) help businesses in the state maintain global
1-28 competitiveness.

1-29 (c) In preparing the list of emission reduction strategies,
1-30 the comptroller shall consider the strategies for reducing the
1-31 emissions of greenhouse gases that have been implemented in other
1-32 states or nations.

1-33 (d) In determining under Subsection (b) whether an emission
1-34 reduction strategy may result in a financial cost to consumers or
1-35 businesses in this state, the comptroller shall consider the total
1-36 net costs that may occur over the life of the strategy.

1-37 (e) A report prepared under Subsection (b) shall include the
1-38 following information for each identified strategy:

1-39 (1) initial, short-term capital costs that may result
1-40 from the implementation of the strategy delineated by the cost to
1-41 business, and the costs to consumers; and

1-42 (2) lifetime costs and savings that may result from
1-43 the implementation of the strategy delineated by the costs and
1-44 savings to business and the costs and savings to consumers.

1-45 (f) The comptroller shall appoint one or more advisory
1-46 committees to assist the comptroller in identifying and evaluating
1-47 greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies. At least one
1-48 representative from the following agencies shall serve on the
1-49 advisory committee or committees:

1-50 (1) the Railroad Commission of Texas;

1-51 (2) the General Land Office;

1-52 (3) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;

1-53 (4) the Department of Agriculture; and

1-54 (5) a Texas institution of higher education.

1-55 (g) The comptroller may enter into an interagency agreement
1-56 with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or other state
1-57 agency for technical advice or assistance as necessary to complete
1-58 the requirements of this section.

1-59 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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