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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO._____

1	Amend H.B. No. 1600 (house committee report) by adding the
2	following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 1 of the bill
3	and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the article appropriately:
4	SECTION 1 Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is
5	amended by adding Section 39.159 to read as follows:
6	Sec. 39.159. COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT MARKET
7	CHANGE. (a) In this section, "significant market change" means a
8	change to the electric market that is reasonably expected to add
9	more than \$100 million to annual energy costs to customers in this
10	state.
11	(b) The commission shall conduct a cost-benefit analysis of
12	a proposed significant market change before authorizing the
13	significant market change. The cost-benefit analysis, to the extent
14	<pre>possible, must:</pre>
15	(1) quantify the degree to which the proposed
16	significant market change will result in an increase in:
17	(A) wholesale electricity prices;
18	(B) residential electricity prices; and
19	(C) electricity prices for commercial and
20	industrial customers;
21	(2) analyze potential adverse effects of the proposed
22	significant market change on retail electric providers; and
23	(3) compare the potential benefits of the proposed
24	significant market change to the potential economic costs of the
25	proposed change.
26	(c) The commission shall make the cost-benefit analysis
27	available to the public and appropriate state agencies not less
28	than 30 days before the date the commission authorizes the
29	significant market change.