

1-1 By: Darby, Anchia (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 2819
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural
 1-4 Resources & Economic Development; May 17, 2017, reported favorably
 1-5 by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2017, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	X			
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1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the establishment of an advisory committee for the
 1-23 TexNet seismic monitoring program.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 67, Education Code, is amended by adding
 1-26 Subchapter E to read as follows:

1-27 SUBCHAPTER E. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

1-28 Sec. 67.71. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "bureau" means
 1-29 The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology.

1-30 Sec. 67.72. TEXNET TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In
 1-31 this section, "program" means the TexNet seismic monitoring program
 1-32 administered by the bureau.

1-33 (b) The TexNet Technical Advisory Committee is established
 1-34 as an advisory committee within the bureau.

1-35 (c) The advisory committee consists of nine members
 1-36 appointed by the governor, including:

1-37 (1) one representative of the Railroad Commission of
 1-38 Texas who specializes in seismology, geomechanical engineering,
 1-39 reservoir engineering, or another related field recommended to the
 1-40 governor by the executive director of the Railroad Commission of
 1-41 Texas; and

1-42 (2) at least three representatives from the oil and
 1-43 gas industry, not to include the representative appointed under
 1-44 Subdivision (1).

1-45 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the advisory
 1-46 committee as the chair of the advisory committee to serve in that
 1-47 capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

1-48 (e) A person affiliated with the bureau or under contract
 1-49 for services with the bureau may not serve as a voting member of the
 1-50 advisory committee.

1-51 (f) The director of the bureau shall serve, ex officio, as a
 1-52 nonvoting member of the advisory committee.

1-53 (g) The advisory committee shall:

1-54 (1) in coordination with the bureau, develop
 1-55 recommendations for a program of work to assist the program and any
 1-56 research efforts affiliated with the program in accomplishing the
 1-57 goals of the program, including recommendations regarding:

1-58 (A) the acquisition and deployment of equipment;

1-59 (B) contracting with vendors;

1-60 (C) determining the scope of research programs
 1-61 associated with the program; and

2-1 (D) determining the scope of any use of funds
2-2 appropriated by the legislature for the program or associated
2-3 research;

2-4 (2) review and approve or reject expenditures made in
2-5 connection with the program;

2-6 (3) prepare and approve an annual budget for the use of
2-7 any funds appropriated for the program by the legislature;

2-8 (4) provide oversight and input on the acquisition,
2-9 deployment, and operation of new and existing program equipment;

2-10 (5) ensure that there is a monthly transmission of the
2-11 data collected by seismic equipment operated under the program to
2-12 the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database;
2-13 and

2-14 (6) solicit from the bureau quarterly updates
2-15 regarding the progress of the program, expenditures made in
2-16 connection with the program, and any other information related to
2-17 the program that the advisory committee finds necessary.

2-18 (h) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
2-19 the advisory committee shall prepare and submit to the governor,
2-20 the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
2-21 representatives a report that includes:

2-22 (1) a review of the use of any funds appropriated for
2-23 the program by the legislature;

2-24 (2) a complete listing and accounting of all research
2-25 funded through the program, including:

2-26 (A) a list of contractors employed under the
2-27 program;

2-28 (B) an itemized budget for each program element;
2-29 and

2-30 (C) a list of the geographic coverage of the
2-31 program; and

2-32 (3) recommendations related to the ongoing operations
2-33 and requirements of the program.

2-34 (i) This section expires September 1, 2019.

2-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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