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S.B. No. 170

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a study regarding the feasibility of implementing  
3 certain renewable energy standards.

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

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means the  
6 Public Utility Commission of Texas.

7 SECTION 2. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD.

8 (a) The commission shall conduct a study on the feasibility of  
9 expanding the renewable energy goal under Section 39.904, Utilities  
10 Code, to establish a goal that 50 percent of the generating capacity  
11 installed in this state comes from renewable sources by 2030 and 100  
12 percent of the generating capacity installed in this state comes  
13 from renewable sources by 2050.

14 (b) The study conducted under this section must:

15 (1) identify:

16 (A) opportunities to achieve the goal; and

17 (B) challenges to overcome in order to meet the  
18 goal;

19 (2) examine economic, environmental, and health  
20 benefits associated with achieving the goal; and

21 (3) develop strategies for achieving the goal.

22 (c) The commission may enter into memoranda of  
23 understanding with any necessary and appropriate agencies to  
24 complete this study.

1           SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 31, 2022, the  
2 commission shall report the results of the study and any  
3 recommendations to the legislature. The report must include any  
4 statutory changes necessary to implement the recommendations made  
5 in the report.

6           SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
7 1, 2021.