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S.B. No. 1290

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study of the effects of the installation, operation,
3 removal, and disposal of solar, wind turbine, and energy storage
4 equipment.

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

6 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means
7 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF INSTALLATION, OPERATION,
9 REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT. (a) The commission
10 shall conduct a study on the current and potential effects of the
11 installation, operation, removal, and disposal of solar, wind
12 turbine, and energy storage equipment on the environment and
13 watersheds.

14 (b) In conducting the study under this section, the
15 commission shall consult with:

- 16 (1) the Department of Agriculture;
- 17 (2) the Texas A&M Forest Service;
- 18 (3) the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service;
- 19 (4) the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service;
- 20 (5) groundwater conservation districts; and
- 21 (6) river authorities.

22 (c) The commission may enter into a memorandum of
23 understanding with a university or foundation to assist with the
24 study.

1 (d) Not later than December 1, 2024, the commission shall
2 submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
3 house of representatives a report that includes the findings of the
4 study conducted under this section.

5 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2025.

6 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
7 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
8 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
9 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
10 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.