

1-1 By: Perry, Birdwell S.B. No. 1290
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2023; March 9, 2023,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture &
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 17, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
1-6 April 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1290 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study of the effects of the installation, operation,
1-22 removal, and disposal of solar, wind turbine, and energy storage
1-23 equipment.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "commission" means
1-26 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

1-27 SECTION 2. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF INSTALLATION, OPERATION,
1-28 REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT. (a) The commission
1-29 shall conduct a study on the current and potential effects of the
1-30 installation, operation, removal, and disposal of solar, wind
1-31 turbine, and energy storage equipment on the environment and
1-32 watersheds.

1-33 (b) In conducting the study under this section, the
1-34 commission shall consult with:

- 1-35 (1) the Department of Agriculture;
- 1-36 (2) the Texas A&M Forest Service;
- 1-37 (3) the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service;
- 1-38 (4) the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service;
- 1-39 (5) groundwater conservation districts; and
- 1-40 (6) river authorities.

1-41 (c) The commission may enter into a memorandum of
1-42 understanding with a university or foundation to assist with the
1-43 study.

1-44 (d) Not later than December 1, 2024, the commission shall
1-45 submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the
1-46 house of representatives a report that includes the findings of the
1-47 study conducted under this section.

1-48 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2025.

1-49 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
1-50 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
1-51 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
1-52 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
1-53 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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