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H.B. No. 3083

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an independent study on the effectiveness and feasibility of mini nuclear reactors.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 34, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0111 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0111. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON MINI NUCLEAR REACTORS.

(a) The commission may, using money available in the fund without further appropriation, provide a one-time grant to one qualified independent entity to conduct a study on the effectiveness of mini nuclear reactors and the feasibility of using mini nuclear reactors to generate power in this state.

(b) The independent entity must be a nonprofit corporation that:

(1) is headquartered in this state;

(2) has conducted research for over 75 years;

(3) has a mission that benefits government, industry, and the public through the research of innovative science and technology; and

(4) has an established nuclear research or testing program before the grant is approved.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report that includes the results of

1 the study and the commission's recommendations for legislative or
2 other action based on the study.

3 (d) This section expires August 31, 2027.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.