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S.B. No. 2671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of the Texas geothermal energy
3 production policy council.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 81, Natural Resources
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 81.076 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 81.076. TEXAS GEOTHERMAL ENERGY PRODUCTION POLICY
8 COUNCIL. (a) In this section, "council" means the Texas geothermal
9 energy production policy council.

10 (b) The Texas geothermal energy production policy council
11 is established within the commission to study and make
12 recommendations relating to the commission's policy framework for
13 geothermal energy development.

14 (c) The council is composed of:

23 (d) The chair of the commission or the chair of the
24 commission's designee is the chair of the council.

1 (e) A member of the council is not entitled to compensation
2 or reimbursement of expenses for service on the council.

3 (f) The council shall:

4 (1) study the development of geothermal energy
5 industries in this state, including the development of facilities
6 for the production, pipeline transportation, and storage of
7 geothermal energy;

8 (2) analyze how tax incentives or cooperation with the
9 Geothermal Technologies Office of the United States Department of
10 Energy could encourage the development of geothermal energy
11 projects in this state; and

12 (3) develop a state plan for geothermal energy
13 production oversight by the commission.

14 (g) The council shall make recommendations to the
15 legislature relating to legislative changes needed for the
16 oversight and regulation of production, pipeline transportation,
17 and storage of geothermal energy.

18 (h) The council is abolished and this section expires
19 January 1, 2032.

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