

HB 1038 -- Energy Compact

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This bill establishes an interstate Energy Compact. The compact becomes effective upon its adoption by two or more states and approval by Congress. The compact allows member states to suspend by legislation all federal laws, rules, and orders regarding the development, production, and consumption of energy.

The compact will not allow the suspension of federal laws concerning clean air, such as the Clean Air Act, but will allow the suspension of regulations implementing the federal laws by the member state until Congress approves uniform federal regulations and rules for the member states.

Upon ratification and approval by Congress, the compact establishes the Interstate Advisor Energy Commission, which must be funded and its membership comprised as determined by the member states. The commission will study energy issues of interest, recommend energy regulation, and collect information and data to assist the member states. The member states may agree to assign other duties to the commission.

The compact may be amended by unanimous action of the member states and the changes must be subject to rejection by Congress within one year of passage. Additional states may join the compact after it has initially been approved by Congress.