

HCS HB 661 -- COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY PLAN

SPONSOR: Bondon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires the Missouri Division of Energy to review the comprehensive state energy plan implemented by the division by January 1, 2019. The plan shall be reviewed biennially thereafter to ensure certain enumerated goals and updated as needed. The division shall use a diverse stakeholder input system either directly or by contracting with a Missouri-based nonprofit organization and issue a report along with each review, suggesting policy changes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that when state energy plans are regularly reviewed then the state's energy resources and opportunities can be better utilized.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bondon; Missouri Energy Initiative; Missouri Energy Development Association; and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

This bill is the similar to SB 278 (2017).