

HB 1998 -- COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY PLAN

SPONSOR: Bondon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Utilities by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill requires the Missouri Division of Energy to review the comprehensive state energy plan implemented by the division by January 1, 2020. The plan shall be reviewed biennially thereafter to ensure certain listed goals and updated as needed. The division shall use a diverse stakeholder input system either directly or by contracting with a qualified organization, and issue a report along with each review, suggesting policy changes.

This bill is the same as SB 727 (2018) and similar to HB 661 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill ensures that the state energy plan is reviewed every two years, and that review is critical to evaluating Missouri's energy resources.

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

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.