

HOUSE BILL No. 2643

By Committee on Environment
(By request of Select Joint Committee on Energy)

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10 AN ACT creating the joint committee on Kansas energy.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established a joint committee on Kan-
14 sas energy which shall consist of five members of the house of represen-
15 tatives and five members of the senate. Three of the members who are
16 representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of repre-
17 sentatives, three members who are senators shall be appointed by the
18 president of the senate, two members who are representatives shall be
19 appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives and two
20 members who are senators shall be appointed by the minority leader of
21 the senate. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate a
22 representative member to be chairperson or vice-chairperson of the com-
23 mittee as provided by this section. The president of the senate shall des-
24 ignate a senator member to be chairperson or vice-chairperson of the
25 joint committee as provided by this section.

26 (b) A quorum of the joint committee on Kansas energy shall be six.
27 All actions of the committee may be taken by a majority of those present
28 when there is a quorum. In odd-numbered years the chairperson of the
29 joint committee shall be the designated member of the house of repre-
30 sentatives from the convening of the regular session in that year until the
31 convening of the regular session in the next ensuing year. In even-num-
32 bered years the chairperson of the joint committee shall be the designated
33 member of the senate from the convening of the regular session of that
34 year until the convening of the regular session of the next ensuing year.
35 The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson
36 in the absence of the chairperson.

37 (c) The joint committee on Kansas energy may meet at any time and
38 at any place within the state on call of the chairperson. Members of the
39 joint committee shall receive compensation and travel expenses and sub-
40 sistence expenses or allowances as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and
41 amendments thereto, when attending meetings of such committee au-
42 thorized by the legislative coordinating council.

43 (d) Amounts paid under authority of this section shall be paid from

1 appropriations for legislative expense and vouchers therefor shall be pre-
2 pared by the director of legislative administrative services and approved
3 by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the legislative coordinating
4 council.

5 (e) The joint committee on Kansas energy may introduce such leg-
6 islation as deemed necessary in performing such committee's functions.

7 (f) The joint committee on Kansas energy shall have the services of
8 the legislative research department, the office of the revisor of statutes
9 and other central legislative staff service agencies.

10 (g) The joint committee on Kansas energy shall study, monitor, re-
11 view and make recommendations for the following:

12 (1) Matters relating to the long-term and short-term energy strategies
13 and policies for the state of Kansas;

14 (2) matters relating to the current status of Kansas energy;

15 (3) the development and implementation of energy strategies, in-
16 cluding but not limited to, the production, distribution and pricing of
17 energy, alternative fuels and weatherization and conservation practices.

18 (h) The joint committee on Kansas energy shall report to the legis-
19 lature on or before December 31 each year any findings and recommen-
20 dations concerning Kansas energy which the joint committee deems
21 appropriate.

22 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
23 publication in the statute book.