

ENERGY PRODUCER STATES' AGREEMENT

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Roger E. Barrus

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill provides for the appointment of legislative members to participate in multistate discussions involving agreements that encourage the development of domestic energy resources.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- provides for the appointment of legislators to discuss creating a multistate domestic energy development agreement;
- specifies the goals of an agreement;
- provides for a report on an energy producer states' agreement; and
- provides a repeal date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates:

- to the Legislature for fiscal year 2011-12 only:
 - from the General Fund, \$25,000.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-236, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

ENACTS:

36-12-20, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-12-20** is enacted to read:

36-12-20. Membership selection -- Agreements -- Goals -- Meetings -- Reports.

(1) The speaker of the House shall appoint two members and the president of the Senate shall appoint two members, of which no more than three of the four members shall be from the same political party, to study and work with legislative members of other energy producing states for the purpose of developing a proposed energy producer states' agreement.

(2) The proposed energy producer states' agreement shall have the following goals:

(a) to encourage domestic development of energy in the United States;

(b) to ensure the continued development of each state's domestic natural resources;

(c) to deliver a unified message to the federal government from energy producing states

by:

(i) participating in the development of proposed federal legislation and regulations; and

(ii) making recommendations regarding existing federal law and regulations including the following:

(A) the Environmental Protection Act;

(B) the Endangered Species Act; and

(C) federal land access issues that affect the production of energy;

(d) to eliminate or reduce overly broad federal legislation; and

(e) to identify and address consequences of delays and cancellations of economically viable energy projects.

(3) Appointed members shall produce a report with recommendations regarding an energy producer states' agreement to the National Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee on or before October 1, 2011.

(4) Salaries and expenses of the appointed members may be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expenses and Mileage

Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override Sessions.

(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff assistance as requested.

Section 2. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

63I-1-236. Repeal dates, Title 36.

(1) Section 36-12-20 is repealed June 30, 2012.

(2) Sections 36-26-101 through 36-26-104 are repealed December 31, 2017.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated out of funds or accounts indicated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2012.

Item 1 To Legislature - Senate

<u>From General Fund, One-time</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
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Schedule of Programs:

<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
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Item 2 To Legislature - House of Representatives

<u>From General Fund, One-time</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
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Schedule of Programs:

<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$12,500</u>
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Section 4. **Effective date.**

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

