

HOUSE BILL NO. 241

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC UTILITIES TO DEVELOP A PLAN ARTICULATING OPTIONS, TIMELINES, AND CHALLENGES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY; REQUIRING THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PLANS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Public utility 100% renewable planning. (1) On or before May 30, 2020, a public utility as defined in 69-3-2003 shall develop a plan that outlines options, timelines, and challenges for procuring 100% of the utility's retail sales of energy in Montana from renewable resources. The plan may include options for the use of hydroelectric resources.

(2) (a) A public utility shall submit its plan on or before June 1, 2020, to the energy and telecommunications interim committee provided for in 5-5-230.

(b) The energy and telecommunications interim committee shall:

- (i) review the plans;
- (ii) invite public comment on the plans; and
- (iii) submit recommendations, if any, to the 67th legislature necessary to address the options, timelines, or challenges outlined in the plans.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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