

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 220
2 INTRODUCED BY J. KASSMIER

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
5 RESOURCE PLANNING AND ACQUISITION; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; PROVIDING
6 AN APPROPRIATION; ESTABLISHING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE
7 DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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9 WHEREAS, access to reliable, least-cost power is foundational to the health, safety, and economic
10 well-being of all Montanans; and

11 WHEREAS, power outages during extreme weather conditions may create devastating economic and
12 human consequences for the citizens of Montana, including the loss of human life; and

13 WHEREAS, electric consumers in Montana face growing reliability risks and rising energy bills due to
14 overreliance on volatile energy markets and the rapid retirement of on-demand generation throughout Montana
15 and the region; and

16 WHEREAS, the ability of Montana energy providers to participate in emerging wholesale electricity
17 markets, resource adequacy programs, and other regional coordination efforts is dependent on adequate
18 access to reliable generation resources; and

19 WHEREAS, the Montana Public Service Commission's oversight of the electricity supply planning and
20 resource acquisition plays a vital role in effectuating the state's energy policy and ensuring access to adequate,
21 reliable power for the citizens of Montana; and

22 WHEREAS, inefficiency and redundancy in this process impedes deployment of electric supply
23 resources and new technologies needed to secure Montana's energy future.

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

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition --**
28 **membership.** (1) There is a select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition.

Amendment - 1st Reading-white - (H) Appropriations

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1 The committee shall submit the final report to THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR
2 APPROVAL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO the governor and the 69th legislature.

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4 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated ~~\$105,000~~ \$85,000 from the
5 general fund to the legislative services division for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, to support the activities
6 of the select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition.

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8 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective dates. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), [this act] is
9 effective on passage and approval.

10 (2) [Section 3] is effective July 1, 2023.

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12 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Termination. [This act] terminates December 31, 2024.

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