



HOUSE BILL 571: Implementation of Carbon Dioxide Regulations

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 571 would direct the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to work with various other State entities, experts, and stakeholders to develop a State Plan for compliance with federal Clean Power Plan requirements.*

BACKGROUND: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently developing regulations for emissions of carbon dioxide from power plants. These regulations are expected to be finalized during the summer of 2015 and are expected to require states to develop plans to implement the regulations.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 571 would direct the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) to work with various other State entities, experts, and stakeholders to develop a State Plan for compliance with federal Clean Power Plan requirements. The bill would specifically direct the Department to do a number of things related to developing the State Plan, including:

- Develop the State Plan in consultation with the Environmental Management Commission and the Utilities Commission.
- Establish a State Plan Advisory Board made up of other State entities, experts, and stakeholders, to assist with the development of the State Plan.
- Hold public hearings and establish a Web site in order to obtain oral and written testimony regarding the State Plan.
- Provide interim reports to the Environmental Review Commission no later than October 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016, and provide a final report to the Environmental Review Commission no later than April 1, 2016.

House Bill 571 would also provide that the State Plan would have no legal effect if the EPA fails to issue or withdraws the Clean Power Plan requirements or a court invalidates the Clean Power Plan requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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