

Senate Amendment to
House File 617

H-1299

1 Amend House File 617, as passed by the House, as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
3 inserting:

4 <Section 1. IOWA UTILITIES BOARD REVIEW.

5 1. The utilities board shall initiate and coordinate
6 an independent review of current Iowa Code provisions and
7 ratemaking procedures. The review shall take into account
8 the policy objectives of ensuring safe, adequate, reliable,
9 and affordable utility services provided at rates that are
10 nondiscriminatory, just, reasonable, and based on the utility's
11 cost of providing service to its customers within the state.

12 The review shall include all of the following:

13 a. An evaluation of the adequacy of current ratemaking law
14 and procedure to promote the policy objectives described in
15 this subsection.

16 b. Identification of possible changes in law or procedure
17 that might better advance the policy objectives described in
18 this subsection.

19 c. Recommendations for changes in law and administrative
20 rules.

21 d. Identification of ratemaking laws and procedures of
22 other states that, if adopted in Iowa, could enhance the
23 competitiveness of utility rates in Iowa as compared with
24 utility rates in other jurisdictions.

25 2. The consumer advocate division of the department
26 of justice shall, and rate-regulated utilities and other
27 interested persons may, participate in the review. The board
28 may utilize additional services to assist in the coordination
29 of the review and preparation of the report. The board shall
30 submit a report with findings and recommendations to the
31 general assembly by January 1, 2024.>