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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act creating an Iowa climate disruption advisory council and  
2 making appropriations.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.851 IOWA CLIMATE DISRUPTION  
1 2 ADVISORY COUNCIL.  
1 3 1. The department shall create an Iowa climate disruption  
1 4 advisory council consisting of fifteen voting members serving  
1 5 three-year staggered terms and four nonvoting, ex officio  
1 6 members.  
1 7 2. a. The voting members shall be appointed by the  
1 8 governor and shall represent the following:  
1 9 (1) The university of Iowa center for global and regional  
1 10 environmental research.  
1 11 (2) The university of northern Iowa center for energy and  
1 12 environmental education.  
1 13 (3) The Iowa farm bureau.  
1 14 (4) The Iowa public transit association.  
1 15 (5) Rural electric cooperatives.  
1 16 (6) Investor-owned utilities.  
1 17 (7) Municipal utilities.  
1 18 (8) The Iowa utilities board.  
1 19 (9) An association with environmental interests or  
1 20 activities.  
1 21 (10) An association with conservation interests or  
1 22 activities.  
1 23 (11) The international brotherhood of electrical workers.  
1 24 (12) The Iowa association of business and industry.  
1 25 b. The four nonvoting, ex officio members shall consist of  
1 26 four members of the general assembly, two from the senate and  
1 27 two from the house of representatives, with not more than one  
1 28 member from each chamber being from the same political party.  
1 29 The two senators shall be designated by the majority leader of  
1 30 the senate after consultation with the president and the  
1 31 minority leader of the senate. The two representatives shall  
1 32 be designated by the speaker of the house of representatives  
1 33 after consultation with the majority and minority leaders of  
1 34 the house of representatives.  
1 35 3. Voting members of the council shall serve at the  
2 1 pleasure of the governor and shall serve without compensation.  
2 2 4. The chairperson of the council shall be designated by  
2 3 the governor and may convene the council at any time.  
2 4 5. A vacancy in the membership shall not impair the right  
2 5 of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the  
2 6 duties of the council. A majority of the council members then  
2 7 appointed constitutes a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum  
2 8 is required for council action.  
2 9 6. The department shall provide necessary staff assistance  
2 10 to the council.  
2 11 7. After consideration of a full range of policies and  
2 12 strategies, the council shall adopt a proposal designed to  
2 13 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by ten percent by  
2 14 the year 2015 and by twenty-five percent by the year 2020.  
2 15 The baseline year for calculating reductions shall be 2007.  
2 16 The council shall submit the proposal to the governor and the  
2 17 general assembly by January 1, 2008.  
2 18 8. By September 1 of each year, the department shall  
2 19 submit a report to the governor and the general assembly  
2 20 regarding the greenhouse gas emissions in the state during the

2 21 previous fiscal year and forecasting trends in such emissions.  
2 22 The first submission by the department shall be filed by  
2 23 September 1, 2008, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.  
2 24 9. There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
2 25 state to the department of natural resources for the fiscal  
2 26 period beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2011, the  
2 27 sum of one hundred thousand dollars each fiscal year for  
2 28 purposes of the establishment and support of the Iowa climate  
2 29 disruption advisory council. Notwithstanding section 8.33,  
2 30 moneys appropriated in this subsection that remain  
2 31 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal year  
2 32 shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure  
2 33 for the purposes designated until the close of the succeeding  
2 34 fiscal year.

2 35 EXPLANATION

3 1 This bill creates an Iowa climate disruption advisory  
3 2 council.

3 3 The bill requires the department of natural resources to  
3 4 create an Iowa climate disruption advisory council consisting  
3 5 of 15 voting members and four nonvoting, ex officio members  
3 6 representing the general assembly. The bill provides that the  
3 7 voting members are appointed by the governor and shall  
3 8 represent certain associations and groups. The bill requires  
3 9 the governor to designate the chairperson of the council. The  
3 10 bill requires the department to provide necessary staff  
3 11 assistance to the council.

3 12 The bill requires the council, after consideration of a  
3 13 full range of policies and strategies, to adopt a proposal  
3 14 designed to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 10  
3 15 percent by the year 2015 and by 25 percent by the year 2020.  
3 16 The baseline year for calculation of reductions shall be 2007.  
3 17 The council shall submit the proposal to the governor and the  
3 18 general assembly by January 1, 2008.

3 19 By September 1 of each year, the bill requires the  
3 20 department to submit a report to the governor and the general  
3 21 assembly regarding the greenhouse gas emissions in the state  
3 22 during the previous fiscal year and forecasting trends in such  
3 23 emissions.

3 24 The bill appropriates from the general fund of the state to  
3 25 the department of natural resources for the fiscal period  
3 26 beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2011, the sum of  
3 27 \$100,000 each fiscal year for purposes of the establishment  
3 28 and support of the Iowa climate disruption advisory council.

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