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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to alternate energy by providing for a study of
2 hydroelectric energy production potential.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. HYDROELECTRIC ENERGY POTENTIAL — STUDY. The
2 utilities board of the utilities division of the department
3 of commerce shall conduct a study assessing the potential
4 for the development of new hydroelectric energy production
5 facilities. The assessments shall be conducted at sites
6 bordering the Mississippi river, including but not limited to
7 a federal lock and dam, and at sites bordering the Des Moines
8 river. In conducting the study, the board, in coordination
9 with the United States army corps of engineers, the department
10 of natural resources, and any other federal or state agency or
11 entity the board determines appropriate, shall measure current
12 and flow levels at designated locations along the rivers to
13 assess potential energy generation capacity. The board shall
14 submit a report of its assessment, including a proposed number
15 of hydroelectric energy production facilities and potential
16 locations, to the general assembly by January 1, 2014.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill directs the Iowa utilities board to conduct a
19 study assessing the potential for the development of new
20 hydroelectric energy production facilities at sites bordering
21 the Mississippi river, including but not limited to a federal
22 lock and dam, and at sites bordering the Des Moines river.
23 The bill states that in conducting the study, the board, in
24 coordination with the United States army corps of engineers,
25 the department of natural resources, and any other federal or
26 state agency or entity the board determines appropriate, shall
27 measure current and flow levels at designated locations along
28 the rivers to assess potential energy generation capacity. The
29 bill requires the board to submit a report of its assessment,
30 including a proposed number of hydroelectric energy production
31 facilities and potential locations, to the general assembly by
32 January 1, 2014.