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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the Iowa utilities board to develop and
2 maintain an energy information database and including
3 effective date provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 476.1A, subsection 2, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. However, sections 476.20, 476.21, 476.41 through 476.44,
4 476.51, 476.56, 476.61, 476.62, and 476.66 and chapters 476A
5 and 478, to the extent applicable, apply to such electric
6 utilities.

7 Sec. 2. Section 476.1B, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended
8 by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0i.* Contribution to the energy information
10 database as set forth in section 476.61.

11 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **476.61 Energy information database.**

12 1. The board shall develop and maintain an energy
13 information database. The purpose of the database shall be
14 to assemble and make available information relating to energy
15 usage and generation in this state. The database shall be
16 made available for access by electric utilities, political
17 subdivisions of the state, and individuals and entities
18 conducting energy-related research.

19 2. The database shall contain, at a minimum, the following
20 information:

21 *a.* Each energy user or customer's physical address and
22 whether it is located in a city or the unincorporated area of a
23 county.

24 *b.* Classification of each energy user or customer as
25 commercial, industrial, or residential.

26 *c.* The amount of energy purchased, sold, consumed, or
27 generated by the utility and by individual energy user or
28 customer, and aggregated by commercial, industrial, and
29 residential classifications.

30 *d.* Sales volumes or cost figures associated with the
31 information provided in paragraph "*c*", by classification.

32 *e.* The quantity and type of alternate energy purchased,
33 sold, consumed, or generated by the utility and by individual
34 energy user or customer, and sorted by commercial, industrial,
35 and residential classifications.

1 3. Electric utilities subject to regulation under this
2 chapter shall submit the required information to the board
3 for entry into the database. The board may require that
4 information be submitted electronically or in writing, or by
5 either method, on forms prescribed by the board. In addition,
6 the board may solicit input from industry organizations and
7 associations, boards, commissions, and any other individual
8 or entity that may possess or be interested in contributing
9 information deemed relevant by the board for entry into the
10 database.

11 4. An initial version of the database shall be developed
12 and made available no later than January 1, 2017, and shall be
13 updated at least annually by January 1 thereafter. The board
14 shall determine by rule the form in which the database shall be
15 maintained, policies for accessing the database, and the manner
16 in which potential users may be informed of the database.

17 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
18 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill requires the Iowa utilities board (board) to
23 develop and maintain an energy information database.

24 The bill provides that the purpose of the database shall be
25 to assemble and make available information relating to energy
26 usage and generation in Iowa. The database may be accessed by
27 electric utilities, political subdivisions of the state, and
28 individuals and entities conducting energy-related research.

29 The bill requires that the database contain, at a minimum,
30 each energy user or customer's physical address and location in
31 the county; classification of each energy user or customer as
32 commercial, industrial, or residential; the amount of energy
33 purchased, sold, consumed, or generated by the utility and
34 by individual energy user or customer, by classification;
35 associated sales or cost figures, by classification; and

1 the quantity and type of alternate energy purchased, sold,
2 consumed, or generated by the utility and by individual energy
3 user or customer by classification.

4 The bill directs electric utilities subject to regulation
5 under Code chapter 476 to submit the required information to
6 the board for entry into the database, in a format prescribed
7 by the board. The bill authorizes the board to solicit input
8 from any other individuals or entities that may possess or be
9 interested in contributing information deemed relevant by the
10 board for entry into the database.

11 An initial version of the database shall be developed and
12 made available no later than January 1, 2017, and updated
13 at least annually. The bill provides that the board shall
14 determine by rule the form in which the database shall be
15 maintained, policies for access, and the manner in which
16 potential users may be informed of its existence.

17 The bill's provisions are also applicable to utilities,
18 electric cooperatives, and municipally owned utilities, as
19 designated in Code sections 476.1A and 476.1B, that are not
20 required to be rate regulated but are otherwise subject to
21 regulation by the board.

22 The bill takes effect upon enactment.