

Senate File 135 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for a study relating to the discontinuation of
2 coal for electricity production in the state.

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

1 Section 1. UTILITIES BOARD STUDY — DISCONTINUATION OF
2 COAL FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION. The utilities board of
3 the utilities division of the department of commerce shall
4 conduct a study assessing the economic impact of discontinuing
5 the use of coal for electricity production in the state by
6 calendar year 2035. The study shall require the board to
7 conduct contested case proceedings of rate-regulated electric
8 utilities in the state that use coal to generate electricity
9 and shall assess the economic impact of the discontinuation by
10 assuming that future energy production needs are met through
11 renewable sources, compared to the continued use of coal and
12 other nonrenewable sources. The board shall submit a report
13 regarding the results of the study, including its findings and
14 recommendations, to the general assembly and the governor by
15 July 1, 2021.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 This bill requires the Iowa utilities board to conduct a
20 study assessing the economic impact of discontinuing coal use
21 for electricity production in Iowa by 2035. The board shall
22 conduct contested case proceedings of rate-regulated electric
23 utilities that use coal and shall assume that future production
24 needs are met through renewable sources, compared to coal and
25 other nonrenewable sources. The board shall submit a report,
26 including its findings and recommendations, to the general
27 assembly and the governor by July 1, 2021.