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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to statewide greenhouse gas emissions.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.152 GREENHOUSE GAS
1 2 INVENTORY AND REGISTRY.
1 3 1. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, "greenhouse
1 4 gas" means carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide,
1 5 hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, or sulphur hexafluoride.
1 6 2. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY.
1 7 a. By January 1, 2008, the department shall establish a
1 8 method for collecting data from producers of greenhouse gases
1 9 regarding generated greenhouse gases. The data collection
1 10 method shall provide for mandatory reporting to collect
1 11 information from affected entities individually and shall
1 12 include information regarding the amount and type of
1 13 greenhouse gases generated, the type of source, and other
1 14 information deemed relevant by the department in developing a
1 15 baseline measure of greenhouse gases produced in the state.
1 16 b. The department may allow a series of reporting
1 17 requirements to be phased in over a period of time and may
1 18 provide for phasing in by producer sector, geographic area,
1 19 size of producer, or other factors. The reporting
1 20 requirements shall apply to the departments, agencies, boards,
1 21 and commissions of the state, in addition to any other
1 22 entities subject to the reporting requirements established by
1 23 the department.
1 24 3. GREENHOUSE GAS REGISTRY.
1 25 a. The department shall establish a voluntary greenhouse
1 26 gas registry for purposes of cooperating with other states in
1 27 tracking, managing, and crediting entities in the state that
1 28 reduce their generation of greenhouse gases or that provide
1 29 increased energy efficiency.
1 30 b. The department shall develop a mechanism to coordinate
1 31 the information obtained in the greenhouse gas inventory with
1 32 the greenhouse gas registry.
1 33 4. AVAILABILITY. By January 1, 2009, the greenhouse gas
1 34 registry shall be made available on an internet website.
1 35 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 455B.851 IOWA CLIMATE CHANGE
2 1 ADVISORY COUNCIL.
2 2 1. The department shall create an Iowa climate change
2 3 advisory council consisting of eighteen voting members serving
2 4 three-year staggered terms and four nonvoting, ex officio
2 5 members.
2 6 2. a. The voting members shall be appointed by the
2 7 governor and shall represent the following:
2 8 (1) The university of Iowa center for global and regional
2 9 environmental research.
2 10 (2) The university of northern Iowa center for energy and
2 11 environmental education.
2 12 (3) The Iowa farm bureau.
2 13 (4) The Iowa public transit association.
2 14 (5) Rural electric cooperatives.
2 15 (6) Investor-owned utilities.
2 16 (7) Municipal utilities.
2 17 (8) The Iowa utilities board.
2 18 (9) One association with environmental interests or

2 19 activities.
2 20 (10) One association with conservation interests or
2 21 activities.
2 22 (11) The international brotherhood of electrical workers.
2 23 (12) The Iowa association of business and industry.
2 24 (13) The Iowa energy center.
2 25 (14) The Iowa renewable fuels association.
2 26 (15) The office of consumer advocate of the department of
2 27 justice.
2 28 (16) A representative from local government.
2 29 (17) The director of the office of energy independence in
2 30 the office of the governor.
2 31 (18) A manufacturer of equipment used for alternative
2 32 energy production.
2 33 b. The four nonvoting, ex officio members shall consist of
2 34 four members of the general assembly, two from the senate and
2 35 two from the house of representatives, with not more than one
3 1 member from each chamber being from the same political party.
3 2 The two senators shall be designated by the majority leader of
3 3 the senate after consultation with the president and the
3 4 minority leader of the senate. The two representatives shall
3 5 be designated by the speaker of the house of representatives
3 6 after consultation with the majority and minority leaders of
3 7 the house of representatives.
3 8 3. Voting members of the council shall serve at the
3 9 pleasure of the governor and shall serve without compensation.
3 10 4. The chairperson of the council shall be designated by
3 11 the governor and may convene the council at any time.
3 12 5. A vacancy in the membership shall not impair the right
3 13 of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the
3 14 duties of the council. A majority of the council members then
3 15 appointed constitutes a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum
3 16 is required for council action.
3 17 6. The department shall provide necessary staff assistance
3 18 to the council.
3 19 7. After consideration of a full range of policies and
3 20 strategies, the council shall develop multiple scenarios
3 21 designed to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions
3 22 including one scenario that would reduce such emissions by
3 23 fifty percent by 2050. The council shall also develop
3 24 short-term, medium-term, and long-term scenarios designed to
3 25 reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. The council shall
3 26 establish a baseline year for purposes of calculating
3 27 reductions in statewide greenhouse gas emissions. The council
3 28 shall submit the proposal to the governor and the general
3 29 assembly by January 1, 2008.
3 30 8. The council may periodically adopt recommendations
3 31 designed to encourage the reduction of statewide greenhouse
3 32 gas emissions.
3 33 9. By September 1 of each year, the department shall
3 34 submit a report to the governor and the general assembly
3 35 regarding the greenhouse gas emissions in the state during the
4 1 previous calendar year and forecasting trends in such
4 2 emissions. The first submission by the department shall be
4 3 filed by September 1, 2008, for the calendar year beginning
4 4 January 1, 2007.
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