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HOUSE BILL NO. 2305

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 386.885, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the task force on distributed energy resources and net metering.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 386.885, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 386.885, to read as follows:

386.885. 1. There is hereby established the "Task Force on Distributed Energy Resources and Net Metering", which shall be composed of the following members:

(1) Two members of the senate, with one appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate and one appointed by the minority floor leader of the senate;

(2) Two members of the house of representatives, with one appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of representatives;

(3) The director of the division of energy, or his or her designee, to serve as a member and to provide technical assistance to the task force;

(4) The chair of the public service commission, or his or her designee, to serve as a member and to provide technical assistance;

(5) The director of the office of public counsel, or his or her designee, to serve as a member and to provide technical assistance;

(6) A representative from each of the three segments of the retail electric energy industry appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate from the respective nominees submitted by the statewide associations of the investor-owned electric utilities, rural electric cooperatives, and municipally owned electric utilities;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (7) One representative of the retail distributed energy resources industry appointed by
19 the chair of the public service commission;

20 (8) One representative from an organization that advocates for policy supporting
21 renewable energy development appointed by the chair of the public service commission; and

22 (9) One representative from an organization that advocates for the interests of low-
23 income utility customers appointed by the chair of the public service commission.

24 2. The task force shall conduct public hearings and research, and shall compile a
25 report for delivery to the general assembly by no later than December 31, ~~[2023]~~ **2026**. Such
26 report shall include information on the following:

27 (1) A distributed energy resources study, which shall include a value of solar study
28 along with the practical and economic benefits, challenges, and drawbacks of increased
29 distributed energy generation in the state;

30 (2) **Potential legislation regarding changes to consumer protections for current
31 and potential consumers of distributed energy resources;**

32 (3) Potential legislation regarding community solar as operated by nonutility entities
33 and the fair and equitable setting of rates between distributed generation and nondistributed
34 generation consumers; and

35 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Potential legislation, including but not limited to changes to the net metering
36 and easy connection act, if any, that would promote the overall public interest.

37 3. The task force shall meet within thirty days after its creation and shall organize by
38 selecting a chairperson and vice chairperson, one of whom shall be a member of the senate
39 and the other a member of the house of representatives. Thereafter, the task force may meet
40 as often as necessary in order to accomplish the tasks assigned to it. A majority of the task
41 force shall constitute a quorum, and a majority vote of such quorum shall be required for any
42 action.

43 4. The staff of house research and senate research shall provide necessary clerical,
44 research, fiscal, and legal services to the task force, as the task force may request.

45 5. The division of energy shall oversee the distributed energy resources study to be
46 selected and conducted by an independent and objective expert with input from the members
47 of the task force. The cost of such study shall **not exceed five hundred thousand dollars
48 and shall** be paid for through funds available from federal and state grants applied for by the
49 division of energy **or through funds appropriated by the general assembly**. The division
50 of energy shall establish procedures for the submission and nonpublic disclosure of
51 confidential and proprietary information.

52 6. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but may be
53 reimbursed for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the task
54 force's official duties.

55 7. This section shall expire on December 31, [~~2023~~] **2026**, or at the conclusion of the
56 task force's work, whichever is sooner.

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