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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act modifying the process for revising the state energy policy; amending section 90-4-1003, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 90-4-1003, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-4-1003. Energy policy development process. (1) ~~(a)~~
~~Except as provided for in subsection (1) (b), each interim, the~~
The energy and telecommunications interim committee established
in 5-5-230 shall ~~review the~~ maintain a continual process to
develop and update the components of a comprehensive state energy
policy and, when necessary, recommend potential changes to the
state energy policy, pursuant to subsection (2).

~~(b) During the 2009-2010 interim, the committee shall
consult with a broad representation of stakeholders, including
appropriate state agencies and the public, and focus on the
following issues to be included in a revised state energy policy:~~

~~—— (i) increasing the supply of low-cost electricity with
coal-fired generation;~~

~~—— (ii) rebuilding and extending electric transmission lines;~~

~~—— (iii) maximizing state land use for energy generation;~~

~~—— (iv) increasing energy efficiency standards for new~~

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construction;

~~— (v) promoting conservation;~~

~~— (vi) promoting energy efficiency incentives;~~

~~— (vii) promoting alternative energy systems;~~

~~— (viii) reducing regulations that increase ratepayers' energy costs; and~~

~~— (ix) integrating wind energy.~~

(2) ~~Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), the~~ The committee shall consult with a broad representation of stakeholders, including appropriate state agencies and the public, in developing the issues to be included within the a proposed, revised state energy policy ~~each interim.~~

(3) ~~Each biennium~~ If the committee pursues revisions to the energy policy statements enumerated in 90-4-1001, the committee shall forward its recommendations to the legislature and to the appropriate state agencies for adoption.

(4) In carrying out its responsibilities under this section, the committee shall use its interim budget, as allocated by the legislative council, and rely on the input of locally available experts and staff research to accomplish its responsibilities."

{*Internal References to 90-4-1003:*
90-4-1001x}

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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