



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5628**

LCO No. 4647



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:  
(ET)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE STATE'S HYDROPOWER ASSETS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study existing hydropower assets in the state and review the  
3 benefits of such assets.
- 4 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 5 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
6 both of whom shall have expertise in hydropower;
- 7 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 8 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
9 Representatives;
- 10 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 11 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

14 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
15 the commissioner's designee; and

16 (8) The chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, or  
17 the chairperson's designee.

18 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
19 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
20 of the General Assembly.

21 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
22 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
23 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

24 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
25 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
26 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
27 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
28 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

29 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and  
31 technology shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

32 (g) Not later than February 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a  
33 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
34 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
35 relating to energy and technology, in accordance with the provisions of  
36 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
37 the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2024, whichever is  
38 later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

*ET*      *Joint Favorable*