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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2201:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to implementing a clean coal project in this state.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that:

5 (1) this state produces the most energy in the country
6 and is the largest consumer of coal in the country;

7 (2) the generation of electric energy in this state by
8 coal-powered generation is estimated to be 37 percent of the
9 electric energy generation in this state;

10 (3) affordable electric energy in this state is
11 founded on low-cost coal-powered generation;

12 (4) energy production has a significant role in
13 providing permanent, well-paid employment in this state for this
14 state's growing population, and the energy production industry
15 provides income and revenue that ensures this state may continue to
16 provide a high standard of services to this state's residences and
17 businesses;

18 (5) the United States Department of Energy's proposed
19 FutureGen research into integrated carbon sequestration and
20 hydrogen research provides for \$800 million in federal funding and
21 \$200 million in funding by private industry and other countries;

22 (6) it is a priority for this state to secure funding
23 under the United States Department of Energy's proposed FutureGen
24 programs because to do so will help this state to become a world

1 leader in innovative energy technologies and is expected to:

2 (A) create more than 11,000 new jobs in this
3 state;

4 (B) provide compensation for workers of more than
5 \$374.3 million;

6 (C) generate \$98 million in tax revenue; and

7 (D) result in a total economic benefit to this
8 state of \$1.2042 billion;

9 (7) FutureGen projects will provide this state with an
10 opportunity to meet this state's energy demands and lower emissions
11 of air contaminants, so the FutureGen technologies should be
12 encouraged for use in electric energy generation;

13 (8) this state is in a unique position to secure
14 funding under FutureGen projects since this state has:

15 (A) a ready source of coal and lignite to fuel
16 FutureGen projects;

17 (B) appropriate geological features for storing
18 carbon dioxide;

19 (C) a market for energy produced; and

20 (D) electric energy transmission resources
21 capable of carrying the resulting power loads;

22 (9) this state has 31 billion barrels of oil in
23 depleted oil fields that could be recovered by means of carbon
24 dioxide enhanced recovery;

25 (10) carbon dioxide from FutureGen projects could be
26 used to recover three billion barrels of oil and generate \$4 billion
27 in tax revenue for this state;

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1 (11) hydrogen produced by FutureGen projects could be
2 used to fuel fuel cells and for this state's petrochemical industry
3 to manufacture products;

4 (12) to facilitate construction of one or more
5 components of the FutureGen projects at a new or existing electric
6 generating, steam production, or industrial products facility is in
7 the best interest of all of this state's residents; and

13 SECTION 2. Section 2305.037, Government Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 2305.037. INNOVATIVE [RENEWABLE] ENERGY DEMONSTRATION
16 PROGRAM. (a) The energy office is the supervising state agency of
17 the innovative [renewable] energy demonstration program and shall
18 distribute grant money under the program for demonstration projects
19 that develop sustainable and innovative [renewable] energy
20 resources, including:

21 (1) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001,
22 Water Code;

27 (b) Contingent on the selection of a Texas site for the

1 location of the coal-based integrated sequestration and hydrogen
2 project to be built in partnership with the United States
3 Department of Energy, commonly referred to as the FutureGen
4 project, and to the extent that funds are appropriated for this
5 purpose, the energy office shall distribute to the managing entity
6 of the FutureGen project an amount equal to 50 percent of the total
7 amount invested in the project by private industry sources. The
8 managing entity of the FutureGen project shall provide records as
9 considered necessary by the energy office to justify grants under
10 this subsection. Cumulative distributions under this subsection
11 may not exceed \$20 million.

12 (c) The energy office may require a grant recipient under
13 the program to match a grant in a ratio determined by the energy
14 office.

15 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 171, Tax Code, is amended
16 by adding Section 171.108 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 171.108. DEDUCTION OF COST OF CLEAN COAL PROJECT FROM
18 TAXABLE CAPITAL OR TAXABLE EARNED SURPLUS APPORTIONED TO THIS
19 STATE. (a) A corporation may deduct from its apportioned taxable
20 capital the amortized cost of equipment or from its apportioned
21 taxable earned surplus 10 percent of the amortized cost of
22 equipment:

23 (1) that is used in a clean coal project, as defined by
24 Section 5.001, Water Code;

25 (2) that is acquired by the corporation for use in
26 generation of electricity, production of process steam, or
27 industrial production;

(3) that the corporation uses in this state; and
(4) the cost of which is amortized in accordance with

(b) The amortization of the cost of capital used in a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code, must:

(1) be for a period of at least 60 months;

(2) provide for equal monthly amounts;

(3) begin on the month during which the equipment is placed in service in this state; and

(4) cover only a period during which the equipment is used in this state.

(c) A corporation that makes a deduction under this section shall file with the comptroller an amortization schedule showing the period for which the deduction is to be made. On the request of the comptroller, the corporation shall file with the comptroller proof of the cost of the equipment or proof of the equipment's operation in this state.

(d) A corporation may elect to make the deduction authorized by this section from apportioned taxable capital or apportioned taxable earned surplus, but not from both, for each separate regular annual period. An election for an initial period applies to the second tax period and to the first regular annual period.

SECTION 4. Section 313.024(b), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) To be eligible for a limitation on appraised value under
26 this subchapter, the corporation or limited liability company must
27 use the property in connection with:

11 (3) "Executive director" means the executive director
12 of the Texas [Natural Resource Conservation] Commission on
13 Environmental Quality.

27 (A) is designed to employ coal gasification

1 technology to generate electricity, hydrogen, or steam in a manner
2 that meets the FutureGen project profile;

3 (B) is designed to employ fuel cells to generate
4 electricity in a manner that meets the FutureGen project profile;

5 (C) is designed to employ a hydrogen-fueled
6 turbine to generate electricity where the hydrogen is derived from
7 coal in a manner that meets the FutureGen profile;

8 (D) is designed to demonstrate the efficacy at an
9 electric generation or industrial production facility of a carbon
10 dioxide capture technology;

11 (E) is designed to sequester a portion of the
12 carbon dioxide captured from an electric generation or industrial
13 production facility in conjunction with appropriate remediation
14 plans and appropriate techniques for reservoir characterization,
15 injection control, and monitoring;

16 (F) is designed to sequester carbon dioxide as
17 part of enhanced oil recovery, in conjunction with appropriate
18 techniques for reservoir characterization, injection control, and
19 monitoring;

20 (G) qualifies for federal funds designated for
21 the FutureGen project;

22 (H) is required in order to complete a proposal
23 to the United States Department of Energy for the FutureGen
24 project; or

25 (I) is required in a final United States
26 Department of Energy request for proposals for the FutureGen
27 project or is described in a final United States Department of

1 Energy request for proposals as a desirable element to be
2 considered in the awarding of the project.

3 (7) "FutureGen project profile" means a standard or
4 standards relevant to a component of the FutureGen project, as
5 provided in a final or amended United States Department of Energy
6 request for proposals or contract.

7 SECTION 6. Subchapter M, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended
8 by adding Section 5.558 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 5.558. CLEAN COAL PROJECT PERMITTING. (a) As
10 authorized by federal law, the commission by rule shall implement
11 reasonably streamlined processes for issuing permits required to
12 construct a clean coal project.

13 (b) When acting pursuant to a rule under this section, the
14 commission shall make use of public meetings, informal conferences,
15 or advisory committees in order to obtain the opinions and advice of
16 interested persons.

17 (c) The permit processes authorized by this section are not
18 subject to the requirements relating to a contested case hearing
19 under this chapter, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, or
20 Subchapters C-G, Chapter 2001, Government Code.

21 SECTION 7. Section 16.053, Water Code, is amended by adding
22 Subsection (r) to read as follows:

23 (r) The board by rule shall provide for the maximum
24 flexibility possible to allow for a timely amendment of a regional
25 water plan, the board's approval of an amended regional water plan,
26 and the amendment of the state water plan, to facilitate planning
27 for water supplies, including water supplies necessary for the

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1 demands of a clean coal project. The rules must allow for amending
2 a regional water plan without providing notice and without a public
3 meeting or hearing under Subsection (h) if the amendment does not:

4 (1) significantly change the regional water plan, as
5 determined by the board; or

6 (2) adversely affect other water management
7 strategies in the regional water plan.

8 SECTION 8. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 27, Water
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 SUBCHAPTER C. OIL AND GAS WASTE; INJECTION WELLS

11 SECTION 9. Subchapter C, Chapter 27, Water Code, is amended
12 by adding Section 27.038 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 27.038. JURISDICTION OVER CARBON DIOXIDE INJECTION.
14 The railroad commission has jurisdiction over injection of carbon
15 dioxide produced by a clean coal project, to the extent authorized
16 by federal law, into:

17 (1) a reservoir productive of oil, gas, or geothermal
18 resources by a Class II injection well, or by a Class I injection
19 well if required by federal law; or

20 (2) a zone that is below the base of usable quality
21 water and that is not productive of oil, gas, or geothermal
22 resources by a Class II injection well, or by a Class I injection
23 well if required by federal law.

24 SECTION 10. Not later than September 1, 2006:

25 (1) the Texas Water Development Board shall adopt
26 rules under Section 16.053, Water Code, as amended by this Act;

27 (2) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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1 shall adopt rules under Section 5.558, Water Code, as added by this
2 Act; and

3 (3) the Railroad Commission of Texas shall adopt rules
4 under Section 27.038, Water Code, as added by this Act.

5 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect immediately if it
6 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
7 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
8 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
9 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.