

1-1 By: King, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 5323
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2025;
1-3 May 16, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 & Commerce; May 20, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 20, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of the Texas Energy Waste Advisory
1-22 Committee.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 2, Utilities Code, is amended
1-25 by adding Chapter 18 to read as follows:

1-26 CHAPTER 18. TEXAS ENERGY WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1-27 Sec. 18.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "committee"
1-28 means the Texas Energy Waste Advisory Committee.

1-29 Sec. 18.002. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE. The Texas Energy
1-30 Waste Advisory Committee is created to make recommendations for
1-31 coordinating and improving state agency and interagency programs
1-32 that reduce energy waste, increase energy efficiency, and enhance
1-33 demand response programs in order to increase reliability of
1-34 electric service in the ERCOT power region in accordance with
1-35 Section 39.159.

1-36 Sec. 18.003. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. (a) The committee is
1-37 composed of seven ex officio members as follows:

1-38 (1) the presiding officer of the commission;
1-39 (2) the chief executive officer of the independent
1-40 organization certified under Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power
1-41 region;

1-42 (3) the comptroller;
1-43 (4) the executive director of the Texas Department of
1-44 Licensing and Regulation;

1-45 (5) the director of the Texas Department of Housing
1-46 and Community Affairs;

1-47 (6) the presiding officer of the Texas Commission on
1-48 Environmental Quality; and

1-49 (7) the commissioner of the General Land Office.

1-50 (b) An ex officio member may designate an employee of the
1-51 member's agency or office to serve in the member's place.

1-52 (c) The presiding officer of the commission or an employee
1-53 of the commission designated by the presiding officer shall serve
1-54 as the chair of the committee.

1-55 (d) The committee shall meet quarterly at the call of the
1-56 chair.

1-57 Sec. 18.004. PROGRAM EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. To
1-58 improve the reliability of electric service in the ERCOT power
1-59 region, the committee shall solicit information from and make
1-60 recommendations to the following state agencies and organizations
1-61 regarding state programs that have the potential to reduce demand

2-1 for electricity in the ERCOT wholesale market during high risk
 2-2 hours identified by the commission:
 2-3 (1) the commission;
 2-4 (2) the independent organization certified under
 2-5 Section 39.151 for the ERCOT power region;
 2-6 (3) the comptroller;
 2-7 (4) the State Energy Conservation Office;
 2-8 (5) the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;
 2-9 (6) the Texas Department of Housing and Community
 2-10 Affairs;
 2-11 (7) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and
 2-12 (8) the General Land Office.
 2-13 Sec. 18.005. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. The commission shall
 2-14 provide the committee with administrative support, including
 2-15 meeting space and staff necessary to assist the committee in
 2-16 carrying out the committee's duties under this chapter.
 2-17 Sec. 18.006. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION. (a)
 2-18 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the committee is not subject
 2-19 to Chapter 551 or 552, Government Code.
 2-20 (b) Information written, produced, collected, assembled, or
 2-21 maintained under law or in connection with the transaction of
 2-22 official business by the committee or an officer or employee of the
 2-23 committee is subject to Section 552.008, Government Code, in the
 2-24 same manner as public information.
 2-25 Sec. 18.007. REPORT. Not later than September 1 of each
 2-26 even-numbered year, the committee shall provide to the legislature
 2-27 a report on the committee's activities and recommendations.
 2-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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