

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5012

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing policy goals for energy
2 development, consumption and costs.

3 WHEREAS, Federal energy policy discussions have focused public
4 attention on climate issues and alternative energy futures; and

5 WHEREAS, Federal energy policy discussions and ultimate actions
6 will impact each state differently; and

7 WHEREAS, Energy sources to meet state needs will continue to
8 reflect their existing and potential generation resources; and

9 WHEREAS, The cost and availability of energy to consumers,
10 businesses and industries will determine quality of life and economic
11 opportunities in each state; and

12 WHEREAS, Direct and indirect energy costs and their impacts on
13 individual consumers and consumer sectors have not been widely
14 discussed at the federal level, but are of great concern to state
15 policymakers: Now, therefore,

16 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas,*
17 *the Senate concurring therein:* That we believe that Kansas' public,
18 elected policymakers and executive agency personnel should have
19 specific targets for energy development, consumption and cost
20 containment; and

21 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas Corporation Commission is
22 directed to convene forums and working groups to identify logical policy
23 paths and objectives for energy development, consumption and cost
24 containment and to identify appropriate technologies, research and
25 employment opportunities to ensure Kansans have abundant, reliable,
26 affordable and responsible energy. To achieve these objectives, the
27 commission shall:

28 Examine ways to increase the state's use of renewable resources,
29 including capture of escaping methane from Title V landfills and use of
30 motor fuels containing ethanol from cellulosic processing; and

31 Investigate the potential for energy storage and coordinate with
32 Kansas electric utilities and the Southwest Power Pool to study and
33 implement energy storage projects to address transmission line constraint
34 relief, distributive generation reliability, electric distribution system
35 reliability and to firm renewable energy generation; and

36 Study different conservation and efficiency measures to reduce the

1 anticipated rate of growth in demand for electricity without causing a
2 degradation in the quality of life for Kansans; and

3 Examine methods to develop Kansas' renewable energy generation
4 potential to increase energy exports beyond state borders, provide a more
5 robust transmission system resulting in increased energy reliability and
6 lower cost electricity to high cost service areas; and

7 Work with the Kansas Board of Regents and the Kansas Department
8 of Commerce to develop strategies to encourage energy research in
9 Kansas by private and public persons and institutions and with the Kansas
10 Development Finance Authority and the Kansas Bio-Science Authority to
11 develop enhanced grant, loan and loan assurance programs that better
12 enable energy researchers to secure federal and private sector funding to
13 research, develop, commercialize and market energy-related products and
14 services. Such loan assurance programs are not to increase state debt
15 obligations, but to demonstrate to investors that the State of Kansas
16 believes investing in such companies and research is a prudent
17 investment in our nation's future; and

18 Work with Kansas electric utilities to increase "smart grid
19 compliance" for distribution line segments and appurtenances as well as
20 the deployment of electric meters by each public utility; and

21 Develop strategies for existing coal-fired generation units, including
22 both electric public and nonpublic utilities, to reduce the rate of their
23 greenhouse gas releases; and

24 Work with the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Board of
25 Regents to enhance workforce development, recruitment and training
26 programs that lead to an employment growth rate in energy production,
27 conservation and efficiency, research and related sectors; and

28 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to
29 provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Kansas Corporation
30 Commission, the Board of Regents, the Kansas Bio-Science Authority,
31 the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas
32 Development Finance Authority and the Governor.