

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Atkinson, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Burdick
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Meeting Dates:	3/31, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Renewable Resource Generation and Transmission Development Areas. Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2013 Legislative Session. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to balance renewable energy generation and wildlife protection
- Deliverables of the Task Force
- Concerns that Task Force composition be balanced
- Need to plan before more issues arise

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies Task Force membership. Removes ability of Task Force members to receive reimbursement for expenses.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 554 A specifies that the Department of Energy will provide staff support for the Task Force. It specifies that the Task Force is charged with identifying renewable resource generation development areas within the state that have potential to support industry development among renewable energy developers for development of renewable resource generation projects. It is also charged with mapping these areas along with existing generation resources and transmission lines.