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Cheuvront, Mead, Mitchell, Rios, Soltero V; Representative Prezelski

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Global climate change study committee; membership;
3 duties; report

4 A. The global climate change study committee is established consisting
5 of the following members:

6 1. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the
7 senate and who are not members of the same political party. The president of
8 the senate shall appoint one of these members as cochairperson of the
9 committee.

10 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
11 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are not members of the
12 same political party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall
13 appoint one of these members as cochairperson of the committee.

14 3. Two members of environmental organizations who are appointed by the
15 governor.

16 4. One member of a public health organization. The president of the
17 senate shall appoint this member.

18 5. The director of the department of water resources or the director's
19 designee.

20 6. The director of the Arizona game and fish department or the
21 director's designee.

22 7. The director of the department of environmental quality or the
23 director's designee.

24 8. One member of an agricultural organization. The speaker of the
25 house of representatives shall appoint this member.

26 9. The director of the department of health services or the director's
27 designee.

28 10. One representative from the national weather service under the
29 United States department of commerce. The director of the national weather
30 service shall appoint this member.

31 11. One representative from each of Arizona's three universities who
32 has expertise in long-term ecological trends, hydrology and climate. The
33 president of each university shall appoint the representative from the
34 president's respective university.

35 12. One representative of the governor's office who is appointed by the
36 governor.

37 B. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation.

38 C. The committee shall:

39 1. Examine the impact of climate change on:

40 (a) Potential reductions in this state's water supply due to changes
41 in the snowpack levels and spring runoff.

42 (b) Adverse health impacts from increases in air pollution that would
43 be caused by higher temperatures.

1 (c) Adverse impacts on agriculture and food production caused by
2 projected changes in the amount and consistency of water supplies and
3 significant increases in pestilence outbreaks.

4 (d) Projected increases of catastrophic wildfires due to faster and
5 more intense burning associated with drying vegetation.

6 (e) Significant impacts to consumers, businesses and the economy of
7 this state due to increased costs of food, water and energy.

8 (f) Significant impacts to the natural environment, including the loss
9 of species and habitat.

10 2. Develop an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for all sources
11 located in this state, acquire and develop data and information on global
12 climate change and acquire information on the costs, technical feasibility
13 and demonstrated effectiveness of methods for reducing or mitigating the
14 production of greenhouse gases from in-state sources.

15 3. Make recommendations to the legislature on how Arizona can
16 effectively reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

17 D. The committee may use the services of legislative staff as
18 necessary.

19 E. On or before December 15, 2005, the committee shall submit a
20 written report of its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the
21 house of representatives, the president of the senate and the governor. The
22 committee shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and
23 the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

24 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

25 This act is repealed from and after September 30, 2006.