

# FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Free Conference Committee on **SB 100** has met as provided in the Rules of the House and Senate and hereby reports the following to be adopted:

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For the above-referenced bill, with these amendments (if applicable):

Committee (list by chamber and number): \_\_\_\_\_;

Floor (list by chamber and number): \_\_\_\_\_; and

The following Free Conference Committee action:

Beginning on page 18, line 24, and continuing through page 19, line 2, delete Section 3 in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"➔Section 3. (1) The Energy Planning and Inventory Commission is directed to conduct a comprehensive assessment examining the following with regard to the eastern Kentucky counties that are included in the Appalachian Regional Commission:

(a) The technical and economic viability of existing and potential coal-fired generation resources in eastern Kentucky, including analysis of operational economics, fuel supply chains, compliance costs, and grid reliability contributions;

(b) Potential alternative and emerging uses for eastern Kentucky coal resources, including but not limited to carbon capture applications, rare earth element extraction, advanced materials production, and other value-added applications;

(c) Factors contributing to elevated energy costs for eastern Kentucky residents, including generation, transmission, and distribution cost components, rate structures, and regional market dynamics;

(d) Opportunities and mechanisms to reduce energy cost burdens on eastern Kentucky households and businesses, including potential policy interventions, infrastructure investments,

1 rate design modifications, efficiency programs, and other approaches; and

2 (e) The role of coal resources and coal-related infrastructure in supporting energy supply  
3 adequacy and grid reliability for eastern Kentucky and the broader Commonwealth.

4 (2) In conducting the assessment, the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission shall:

5 (a) Consult with electric utilities and cooperatives serving eastern Kentucky, coal  
6 producers, regional development organizations, consumer advocates, and other relevant  
7 stakeholders;

8 (b) Consider economic development impacts, workforce implications, and community  
9 transition dynamics; and

10 (c) Coordinate as appropriate with other state agencies and regional planning entities.

11 (3) The Energy Planning and Inventory Commission shall submit a report containing its  
12 findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026,  
13 and shall make its analysis publicly available on the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission  
14 website.

15 ➔Section 4. Whereas it is critical that changes made to the Energy Planning and  
16 Inventory Commission executive committee, commission board, and role of the executive  
17 director take effect as soon possible to allow the commission to most effectively carry out its  
18 responsibilities, and whereas it is essential to the livelihood of the citizens of eastern Kentucky  
19 that the energy infrastructure of the region be studied to explore ways to strengthen grid  
20 adequacy and reliability and to reduce energy costs, an emergency is declared to exist, and this  
21 Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a  
22 law."

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The above-named members, in separate votes by house, all concur in the provisions of this report.

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For Clerk's Use:  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Repassage Vote: \_\_\_\_\_