

Sec. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House April 28, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 28, 1967.

Approved by the Governor April 29, 1967.

CHAPTER 113.

[Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 453.]

NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE.

AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating a joint committee on nuclear energy; providing for the selection, term, and reimbursement of certain expenditures of the members of the committee, and conferring rights, powers, duties; and prescribing the functions of the committee; and establishing an expiration date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. There is hereby created the joint committee on nuclear energy of the legislature of the state of Washington.

Joint legislative committee on nuclear energy—Creation.

Sec. 2. The committee shall consist of four senators and four representatives who shall be selected biennially as follows:

Members—Appointments.

(1) The president of the senate shall nominate four members, two from each major political party, to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation. Upon confirmation, the senators shall be deemed installed as members.

(2) The speaker of the house shall nominate four members, two from each major political party, to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the house of representatives for con-

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firmation. Upon confirmation, the representatives shall be deemed installed as members.

Members—
Terms.

Sec. 3. Members shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 2 of this act, at the next succeeding regular session of the legislature, or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Members—
Vacancies.

Sec. 4. The committee shall fill any vacancies occurring on the committee by appointment from the same political party and legislative chamber as the departing member. Members filling vacancies shall serve until they or their successors are installed as provided in section 2 of this act or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

Meetings.

Sec. 5. The committee shall meet at each regular session of the legislature and at such other times and places as is necessary in carrying out its delegated duties.

Duties.

Sec. 6. The committee shall make continuing studies of the problems relating to the development, use, and control of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. In conducting its studies the committee shall work closely with the state office of nuclear energy development and may work with any other public or private organizations or individuals interested in the development of nuclear energy.

Effective liaison shall be maintained with the governor's advisory council on nuclear energy and radiation. The committee shall prepare an annual report to the legislature, and, from time to time report to the legislature any information deemed worthy of special attention, and any legislative action deemed necessary to enhance the broad purposes of RCW 43.31.280 and to maintain the state's position of leadership in the field of nuclear energy.

Sec. 7. The committee may employ a staff director and such clerical and other assistants as it finds necessary or appropriate, and fix their compensation.

Staff—Liaison
—Services—
Staff director.

The office of nuclear energy development shall, upon request, furnish such technical and policy information and assistance as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

The committee may utilize the services of the executive director of the office of nuclear energy development in the capacity of staff director.

Sec. 8. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred while attending sessions of the committee or any subcommittee of the committee, or while engaged in other committee business authorized by the committee, as provided for in RCW 44.04.120.

Members—
Expenses.

Sec. 9. All expenses incurred by the committee, including salaries and expenses of employees, shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the budget director and signed by the chairman of the committee. Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated generally by the legislature for legislative expenses or upon any special appropriation which may be provided by the legislature for the expenses of the committee.

Expenses—
Vouchers—
Procedure.

Sec. 10. This act shall expire January 30, 1969.

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