



Climate Change Statutes

STATE OF IOWA

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§ 455B.851. Iowa climate change advisory council

1. The department shall create an Iowa climate change advisory council consisting of twenty-three voting members serving three-year staggered terms and four nonvoting, ex officio members.

2. a. The voting members shall be appointed by the governor and shall represent the following:

- (1) The university of Iowa center for global and regional environmental research.
- (2) The university of northern Iowa center for energy and environmental education.
- (3) The Iowa farm bureau.
- (4) The Iowa public transit association.
- (5) Rural electric cooperatives.
- (6) Investor-owned utilities.
- (7) Municipal utilities.
- (8) The Iowa utilities board.
- (9) One association with environmental interests or activities.
- (10) One association with conservation interests or activities.
- (11) The international brotherhood of electrical workers.
- (12) The Iowa association of business and industry.
- (13) The Iowa energy center.
- (14) The Iowa renewable fuels association.
- (15) The office of consumer advocate of the department of justice.
- (16) A representative from local government.

(17) The director of the office of energy independence.

(18) A manufacturer of equipment used for alternative energy production.

(19) The department of agronomy at Iowa state university of science and technology.

(20) Four members of the general public.

b. The four nonvoting, ex officio members shall consist of four members of the general assembly, two from the senate and two from the house of representatives, with not more than one member from each chamber being from the same political party. The two senators shall be designated one member each by the majority leader of the senate after consultation with the president and by the minority leader of the senate. The two representatives shall be designated one member each by the speaker of the house of representatives after consultation with the majority leader of the house of representatives and by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

3. Voting members of the council shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall serve without compensation.

4. The chairperson of the council shall be designated by the governor and may convene the council at any time.

5. A vacancy in the membership shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the rights and perform all the duties of the council. A majority of the council members then appointed constitutes a quorum. A majority vote of the quorum is required for council action.

6. The department shall provide necessary staff assistance to the council.

7. After consideration of a full range of policies and strategies, including the cost-effectiveness of the strategies, the council shall develop multiple scenarios designed to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions including one scenario that would reduce such emissions by fifty percent by 2050. The council shall also develop short-term, medium-term, and long-term scenarios designed to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions and shall consider the cost-effectiveness of the scenarios. The council shall establish a baseline year for purposes of calculating reductions in statewide greenhouse gas emissions. The council shall take nuclear power into consideration as part of its discussion of greenhouse gas reductions, and shall incorporate that consideration into its proposal. The council shall submit an initial proposal to the governor and the general assembly by January 1, 2008, and shall submit an updated proposal by January 1, 2009.

8. The council may periodically adopt recommendations designed to encourage the reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

9. By September 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor and the general assembly regarding the greenhouse gas emissions in the state during the previous calendar year and forecasting trends in such emissions. The first submission by the department shall be filed by September 1, 2008, for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2007.