

Assembly Bill No. 452–Committee  
on Commerce and Labor

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AN ACT relating to energy; directing the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim study on energy choice; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law creates the Legislative Committee on Energy and directs the Committee to take a variety of actions with respect to matters related to energy policy within this State. (NRS 218E.800-218E.815) This bill requires the Committee to conduct a study during the 2017-2018 interim concerning energy choice. The study must include: (1) consideration of any issue, policy or requirement identified in Ballot Question No. 3, the Energy Choice Initiative, approved by the voters at the 2016 general election; and (2) a review of the work of the Governor’s Committee on Energy Choice established by the Governor after the voters’ approval of the Energy Choice Initiative.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

1. At the general election on November 8, 2016, the voters of this State approved Ballot Question No. 3, the Energy Choice Initiative, which, if also approved by the voters at the 2018 general election, will amend Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution to:

(a) Declare that it is the policy of this State that electricity markets be open and competitive;

(b) Establish a right for each person and commercial, governmental or other entity to choose the provider of its electric utility service; and

(c) Require the Legislature by July 1, 2023, to provide by law for provisions to establish an open, competitive retail electric energy market, ensure that protections are established that entitle customers to safe, reliable and competitively priced electricity and prohibit the grant of monopolies and exclusive franchises for the generation of electricity.

2. On February 9, 2017, the Governor issued Executive Order 2017-03 establishing the Governor’s Committee on Energy Choice and requiring the Committee to:

(a) Identify the legal, policy and procedural issues that need to be resolved, and offer suggestions and proposals for legislative, regulatory and executive actions that need to be taken, for the



effective and efficient implementation of the Energy Choice Initiative;

(b) Review, evaluate and develop written plans for the full implementation of energy choice by 2023 in the event that the Energy Choice Initiative is again approved by a vote of the people in 2018; and

(c) Submit to the Governor a report that includes such plans not later than August 10, 2018.

**Sec. 2.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Energy shall conduct a study during the 2017-2018 interim concerning energy choice. The study must include, without limitation:

(a) Consideration of any issue, policy or requirement identified in 2016 Ballot Question No. 3, the Energy Choice Initiative; and

(b) A review of the work of the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice, including, without limitation, any legal, policy or procedural issue identified by the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice, any suggestion or proposal for legislative, regulatory or executive action made by the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice, any plan developed by the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice and any report submitted to the Governor by the Governor's Committee on Energy Choice.

2. The Legislative Committee on Energy shall, on or before February 1, 2019, submit a report of its findings and any recommendations for legislation to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

