

HB 2064 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Changes quorum for Energy Facility Siting Council to a majority of members. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) meeting requirements
- Ability to have EFSC meet as frequently as necessary
- Increased challenge when there is a vacant seat
- Quorum language of other boards and commissions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. Members serve four-year terms at the pleasure of the Governor. The EFSC is responsible for overseeing the development of large electric generating facilities, high voltage transmission lines, gas pipelines, radioactive waste disposal sites, and other projects, as well as the transportation and disposal of radioactive materials. Currently, five EFSC members represent a quorum.

House Bill 2064 changes the quorum requirement to a majority of members.