

HB 2064 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith Warner

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 04/13/21

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 5-1-1-0

Yeas: 5 - Fahey, Holvey, Salinas, Smith Warner, Zika

Nays: 1 - Bonham

Exc: 1 - Drazan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 4/13

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:

- Quorum and number of votes required for decisions
- Current number of vacancies on Energy Facility Siting Council

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.