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Sunset Review: Nuclear Energy Consortium (79-6-12)

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Establishment & Purpose

- Established by **H.B. 249**, 2025 General Session, Nuclear Power Amendments
- Housed within the Office of Energy Development
- Report annually to PUET by November 30

“There is created the Nuclear Energy Consortium to **advise** the office and the Legislature on **nuclear energy development in the state.**”



Membership

The consortium consists of:

- 1.** one member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;
- 2.** one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 3.** the director of the Office of Energy Development, who shall serve as chair;
- 4.** the executive director of the Department of Environmental Quality;
- 5.** the chair of the Public Service Commission; and
- 6.** the executive director of the Department of Natural Resources; and
- 7+.** additional members with expertise in nuclear energy development appointed by the director



Sunset Review Process

- Stakeholders discuss the purpose and relevance of the sunseting Act
- The committee shall consider the factors listed in [63I-1-103\(3\)](#), including:
 - the extent to which the statute has operated in the public interest;
 - the extent to which the objectives of the statute have been accomplished; and
 - the adverse effect on the public of termination of the statute.
- Possible actions:
 - **Extend** the sunset date
 - **Remove** the Act from the sunset list
 - **No action**; allow the Act to sunset on **July 1, 2027**

