



2025 SENATE BILL 125

March 14, 2025 - Introduced by Senators BRADLEY, FEYEN and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives SORTWELL, STEFFEN, WITTKE, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, GREEN, GUSTAFSON, KNODL, MOSES, MURPHY, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, SNYDER, SPIROS, SUBECK, TUSLER, ZIMMERMAN and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Utilities and Tourism.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 196.491 (3) (g); **to create** 20.155 (1) (a), 196.025 (8) and
2 196.491 (3) (g) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** a nuclear power siting study and
3 time limits for taking final action on certain certificate of public convenience
4 and necessity applications.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Public Service Commission to conduct a nuclear power siting study and to submit a report to the legislature containing the results of the study no later than 12 months after the bill takes effect. The study must satisfy certain requirements specified in the bill.

The bill also requires PSC to take final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for a large electric generating facility that contains an advanced nuclear reactor within 150 days after the application is complete, unless the chairperson of PSC extends the time period for no more than an additional 150 days for good cause. Under current law, a person seeking to construct a large electric generating facility must obtain a CPCN from PSC.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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1 d. Develops and provides guidance for advanced nuclear fission and fusion
2 reactors including small modular reactors and fusion energy generating
3 technologies.

4 e. Considers the siting study conducted by the U.S. department of energy in
5 2024, titled “Evaluation of Nuclear Power Plant and Coal Power Plant Sites for New
6 Nuclear Capacity.”

7 2. The commission may use a request-for-proposal process to contract with a
8 3rd party to conduct all or part of the study required under subd. 1.

9 3. On or before the first day of 13th month beginning after the effective date of
10 this subdivision ... [LRB inserts date], the commission shall submit a report
11 containing the results of the study required under subd. 1. to the legislature in the
12 manner provided in s. 13.172 (2).

13 **SECTION 4.** 196.491 (3) (g) of the statutes is renumbered 196.491 (3) (g) 1.

14 **SECTION 5.** 196.491 (3) (g) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

15 196.491 (3) (g) 2. Notwithstanding subd. 1., the commission shall take final
16 action on an application filed under par. (a) 1. for a large electric generating facility
17 that contains an advanced nuclear reactor, as defined in s. 196.025 (8) (a), within
18 150 days after the application is determined or considered to be complete under par.
19 (a) 2. If the commission fails to take final action within the 150-day period, the
20 commission is considered to have issued a certificate of public convenience and
21 necessity with respect to the application, unless the chairperson of the commission
22 extends the time period for no more than an additional 150 days for good cause. If
23 the commission fails to take action within the extended period, the commission is

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1 considered to have issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity with
2 respect to the application.

3 **SECTION 6. Initial applicability.**

4 (1) The treatment of s. 196.491 (3) (g) 2. first applies to an application for a
5 certificate of public convenience and necessity that is determined or considered by
6 the public service commission to be complete on the effective date of this subsection.

7 **SECTION 7. Effective date.**

8 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
9 publication of the 2025 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

10 (END)