

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 637

Sponsor:

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "emissions"  
2 ; and making an appropriation

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 9 and 10, by striking out  
4 "Pennsylvania Carbon Dioxide Cap and Trade Authorization" and  
5 inserting

6 Energy Sustainability and Investment

7 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 6 and 7

8 Section 6. Energy sustainability and investment projects.

9 (a) Appropriation of Federal funds.--For fiscal year 2022-  
10 2023, \$250,000,000 from the COVID-19 Response Restricted Account  
11 is appropriated for transfer to the Commonwealth Financing  
12 Authority and is allocated as follows:

13 (1) The sum of \$125,000,000 is allocated for the purpose  
14 of research, development, construction or site development of  
15 carbon dioxide and methane reduction technologies for  
16 electric generation and manufacturing, including, but not  
17 limited to, micro-grid nuclear power plants, carbon capture  
18 utilization and sequestration, development of hydrogen fuel  
19 projects, securing Federal funds for a regional hydrogen hub  
20 and battery storage. At least \$12,500,000 of this allocation  
21 shall be used for methane abatement projects from plugging  
22 abandoned natural gas wells.

23 (2) The sum of \$62,500,000 is allocated for the purpose  
24 of sewer and water infrastructure and storm water mitigation  
25 projects, including riparian planting for carbon dioxide  
26 reduction, stream buffering and streambank restoration.

27 (3) The sum of \$62,500,000 is allocated for the purpose  
28 of assisting workers and communities impacted by electric  
29 generation or manufacturing plant closures, including, but  
30 not limited to, apprenticeship and training projects,  
31 extensions of unemployment compensation benefits and  
32 investments in projects to redevelop the closed plant sites.

33 (b) Applicability of prevailing wages.--A capital project  
34 that directly or indirectly receives money appropriated under  
35 this section shall be subject to the act of August 15, 1961

1 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage  
2 Act.

3 (c) Nonlapsing appropriation.--Money appropriated under this  
4 section shall not lapse.

5 (d) Applicability.--The provisions of section 111-C(g) of  
6 the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343, No.176), known as The Fiscal  
7 Code, shall not apply to the amount appropriated under this  
8 section.

9 Section 7. Applicability.

10 The department shall proceed through the process described  
11 under sections 4 and 5 for a measure or action taken by the  
12 department designed to abate, control or limit carbon dioxide  
13 emissions or to establish a greenhouse gas cap-and-trade  
14 program, even if the measure or action is in effect on the  
15 effective date of this section. A measure or action taken by the  
16 department or the Environmental Quality Board on behalf of the  
17 department that does not proceed through the process is  
18 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with this act.

19 Amend Bill, page 7, line 7, by striking out "6" and inserting

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