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Act No. 31 (H.133). Public service; energy; reporting; energy storage

An act relating to miscellaneous energy subjects

This act makes multiple changes to Title 30.

This act:

- consolidates multiple reports from the Department of Public Service into the Annual Energy Report.
- makes the Secretary of Transportation a voting member on the Connectivity Advisory Board. It also changes the dates for the accounting of the fund and its submission to the Board.
- makes multiple amendments to the Dig Safe chapter.
- allows thermal energy and process fuel efficiency funds to be used for design and engineering of a district heating system, as well as construction.
- amends the formula for the Standard Offer Program contract price for existing hydroelectric power.
- extends the Department of Public Service's existing Public Records Act exemption for consumer complaint information to the Public Utility Commission.
- makes multiple changes to the Public Utility Commission's certificate of public good hearing process and rate change hearing process.
- creates the position of Deputy Clerk at the Public Utility Commission.
- requires energy storage facilities greater than 500 kW to receive a certificate of public good.
- makes changes to the Standard Offer Program exemption.

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