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AN ACT authorizing a study on implementing a greenhouse gas or carbon emissions fee or tax

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. 1. The New York state energy research and development
2 authority (NYSERDA) is hereby directed to prepare a report for
3 submission to the environmental conservation committees of the Senate
4 and Assembly related to implementing a statewide greenhouse gas or
5 carbon emission fee or tax (hereinafter a carbon fee or tax) related to
6 assisting the state in reducing or eliminating such greenhouse gases.
7 The report shall:
8 (a) analyze the current and future environmental impact of greenhouse
9 emissions, including carbon and methane, and the dangers posed to resi-
10 dents for climate change;
11 (b) analyze the potential environmental and policy benefits derived
12 from a carbon tax;
13 (c) identify an effective structure for a carbon fee or tax to gener-
14 ate revenue;
15 (d) evaluate the direct and indirect impact of a carbon fee or tax on
16 low-income households, consumers, industries and localities;
17 (e) evaluate the direct and indirect regional and statewide impact of
18 a carbon fee or tax;
19 (f) evaluate whether the level of greenhouse gas emissions reductions
20 might vary based on different rates of a carbon fee or tax, including
21 determining the minimum level of such fee or tax needed to ensure a
22 significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;
23 (g) evaluate how to treat imported and exported energy sources under a
24 carbon fee or tax;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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- 1 (h) evaluate the impact of a carbon fee or tax on jobs and wages;
- 2 (i) evaluate the impact of a carbon fee or tax on existing fees, state
3 revenue and state income taxes, including the regional greenhouse gas
4 initiative;
- 5 (j) evaluate the per unit costs of specific types of fuels that would
6 be subject to a carbon fee or tax; and
- 7 (k) evaluate revenue allocation options, including assisting in fund-
8 ing a transition to clean renewable energy, maximizing positive impacts
9 and mitigating detrimental or unequal impacts on low and moderate income
10 households, improving mass transit, implementing climate change adapta-
11 tion measures such as making improvements in infrastructure, implement-
12 ing agricultural adaptation measures, increasing protection of low-lying
13 areas including coastlines, and enhancing emergency health response to
14 extreme weather events.
- 15 2. NYSERDA shall submit a written preliminary report to the state
16 legislature related to revenue and the environment on or before December
17 1, 2018, and a final report on or before March 1, 2019. NYSERDA may
18 contract with third parties as necessary to prepare the reports and any
19 related recommendations.
- 20 3. NYSERDA shall provide for public input in the study, including
21 holding at least two public hearings before the final report is
22 released.
- 23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.