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To establish a task force to find and expedite solutions to address emergencies and challenges that Puerto Rico faces due to its energy generation challenges.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a task force to find and expedite solutions to address emergencies and challenges that Puerto Rico faces due to its energy generation challenges.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Energy
5 Generation Crisis Task Force Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
8 Executive Office of the President a task force to improve

1 collaboration and efficiency among the Department of En-
2 ergy, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the
3 Army Corps of Engineers, and appropriate representatives
4 of the Government and energy sector of Puerto Rico.

5 (b) MEMBERS.—The task force shall consist of each
6 of the following:

7 (1) 1 member appointed by the Secretary of
8 Energy.

9 (2) 1 member appointed by the Secretary of
10 Homeland Security, acting through the Adminis-
11 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
12 cy.

13 (3) 1 member appointed by the Chief of Engi-
14 neers of the Army Corps of Engineers.

15 (4) 1 member appointed by the Office of the
16 Energy Czar of Puerto Rico.

17 (5) 3 representatives appointed by the Govern-
18 ment of Puerto Rico, to represent the responsibilities
19 and obligations of the Puerto Rico Energy Bureau,
20 LUMA Energy, and Genera PR.

21 (c) DUTIES.—The task force established in sub-
22 section (a) shall be responsible for—

23 (1) identify and find solutions for the energy
24 generation problems faced by Puerto Rico; and

1 (2) coordinating and liaising between the rep-
2 resented entities listed in subsection (a) as appro-
3 priate to ensure efficiency in operations and, to the
4 extent practicable, among other relevant groups
5 (such as the Puerto Rico Grid Recovery and Mod-
6 ernization Team) working on issues relating to the
7 challenges of energy generation in Puerto Rico.

8 (d) MEETINGS.—The task force shall convene at least
9 once every 30 days to encourage communication between
10 the represented entities and provide progress updates on
11 the efforts of such entities. The members of the task force
12 shall select from among their numbers a head, who shall
13 be responsible for convening the meetings of the task force
14 and ensuring that the format of such meetings is suffi-
15 ciently flexible (including by facilitating virtual or hybrid
16 meeting options) to allow meetings be carried out without
17 scheduling delays.

18 (e) SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180
20 days thereafter, the head of the task force selected pursu-
21 ant to subsection (d) shall submit to Congress and trans-
22 mit to the President a report describing the efforts of the
23 task force during the preceding period. Such report shall
24 also include—

- 1 (1) descriptions of the energy generation prob-
2 lems identified by the task force;
- 3 (2) recommendations for solutions to address
4 these problems;
- 5 (3) an expected timeline to implement such so-
6 lutions if pending, or the actual timeline on which
7 such solutions were implemented if accomplished;
8 and
- 9 (4) an identification of the entities responsible
10 such implementation.