

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

WHEREAS, the easily extracted, high purity lead ore in Missouri was a critical reason for the early development of Missouri and has provided good jobs, a way of life, and significant economic development to Missourians for centuries; and

WHEREAS, the lead industry in Missouri is the only primary, domestic source for that strategic material in America; and

WHEREAS, new technology now makes production of primary lead metal a safe, cost effective, and valuable means of continuing to provide a strategic material for numerous uses including munitions, protective barriers for x-rays, radioactive fallout, and radioactive contamination, and batteries for numerous uses including cars, trucks, electric vehicles, renewable energy storage, and peaking power reduction; and

WHEREAS, encouraging a safe, healthy, and lucrative lead industry in Missouri will give rise to good paying jobs, significant economic development, and the resources to mitigate the legacy of environmental issues caused by lead extraction:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-seventh General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby create the Missouri Lead Industry Employment, Economic Development and Environmental Remediation Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mission of task force shall be to fully consider and make recommendations in a report to the General Assembly on:

- (1) The effects of a prompt environmental settlement giving rise to efficient and cost effective remediation;
- (2) Ways to promote the development of a clean lead industry;
- (3) Clean lead industry legislative proposals including rules and regulations necessary for implementation;
- (4) The economic potential of implementing clean lead industry policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be authorized to call upon any department, office, division, or agency of this state to assist in gathering information pursuant to its objective; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of all of the following members:

- (1) The Governor, or his or her designee, to serve as a member of the task force; and
- (2) One member of the general assembly of the majority party appointed by the president pro tem of the senate, to serve as the chair of the task force; and

(3) One member of the general assembly of the majority party appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, to serve as the vice-chair and secretary of the task force, and who will provide an agenda and report minutes of the task force; and

(4) The Attorney General, or his or her designee, to serve as a member and provide technical assistance to the task force; and

(5) The Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or his or her designee, to serve as a member and provide technical assistance to the task force; and

(6) One member of the majority party of the senate and one member of the minority party of the senate appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate; and

(7) One member of the majority party of the house of representatives and one member of the minority party of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

(8) A representative of industry appointed by the president pro tem of the senate; and

(9) A representative of industry appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of Senate Research shall provide such legal, research, clerical, technical, and bill drafting services as the task force may require in the performance of its duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, its members, and any staff assigned to the committee shall receive reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair or vice-chair and secretary of the task force shall call an organizational meeting within fifteen days of the adoption of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate by either a majority of members voting for termination, or by December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the date of termination, the task force may deliver a report of findings and recommendations to the General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution does not amend any state law to which the Department of Natural Resources is subject, and shall be interpreted to be consistent with any requirements of such state or federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor Jay Nixon, Attorney General Chris Koster, and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

