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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Energy Transition Task Force; 3 creating the task force adjunct to the Department of 4 Agriculture and Consumer Services for a specified 5 purpose; providing for the membership and duties of 6 the task force; requiring the department to provide 7 staffing and administrative support to the task force; 8 requiring the task force to submit a report to certain 9 officials by a specified date; providing for 10 expiration of the task force; providing an effective 11 date. 12 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 15 Section 1. Energy Transition Task Force.-16 The Energy Transition Task Force, a task force as (1) 17 defined in s. 20.03(8), Florida Statutes, is created adjunct to 18 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to provide 19 recommendations for fostering a fair and equitable transition of 20 the state's energy infrastructure to renewable energy technologies within minority, underserved, rural, and low-income 21 22 communities. The task force shall comply with the requirements 23 of s. 20.052, Florida Statutes. 24 The task force shall consist, at a minimum, of the (2) 25 following 11 members who reflect the ethnic and gender diversity Page 1 of 3

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26	of the state:
27	(a) The following private citizen members appointed by the
28	Commissioner of Agriculture:
29	1. Four representatives from minority, underserved, rural,
30	or low-income communities from different regions of the state.
31	2. At least one environmental justice expert.
32	3. At least one representative from the electrical workers
33	profession.
34	4. At least two energy industry liaisons representing
35	utility and solar energy interests.
36	5. At least one representative from a statewide
37	environmentally focused group.
38	(b) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.
39	(c) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
40	Representatives.
41	(3) The task force shall:
42	(a) Recommend appropriate policies, including any
43	necessary statutory changes, for the equitable siting of energy
44	infrastructure throughout the state, including, but not limited
45	to:
46	1. The siting of utility-scale solar arrays in
47	nonresidential neighborhoods, nonrural residential communities,
48	and rural communities; and
49	2. The siting of industrial solar array facility sites in
50	a manner compatible with county or municipality comprehensive
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51	plans.
52	(b) Examine strategies to assist minority, underserved,
53	rural, and low-income communities in transitioning to energy
54	efficiency, including energy-efficient appliances,
55	weatherization, and other methods, to benefit from lower energy
56	costs.
57	(4) The department shall provide staffing and
58	administrative support to the task force in performing its
59	duties.
60	(5) The task force shall submit a report of its
61	recommendations to the Governor, the Commissioner of
62	Agriculture, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
63	House of Representatives by September 30, 2024, and this section
64	shall expire upon submission of the report.
65	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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