



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2458

PRINTERS NO. 2981

PRIME SPONSOR: White

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 2458, Printer's Number 2981, creates the Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force Act.

ANALYSIS: This bill creates the Philadelphia LNG Export Task Force Act to establish the task force for the purposes outlined in the bill related to the export of liquefied natural gas.

The composition of the task force will include the following members:

- (1) The Secretary of Environmental Protection or a designee, who shall be an employee of the department and appointed by the secretary;
- (2) The Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or a designee, who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission;
- (3) The Secretary of Community and Economic Development or a designee, who shall be an employee of the department and appointed by the secretary;
- (4) the Secretary of Transportation or a designee, who shall be an employee of the department and appointed by the secretary;
- (5) The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency or a designee, who shall be an employee of the agency and appointed by the director;
- (6) Four members of the General Assembly, who shall be appointed no later than 21 days after the effective date of this section, as follows:
 - (i) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate;
 - (ii) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
 - (iii) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (iv) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives;
- (7) The Mayor of Philadelphia or a designee, who shall be appointed by the mayor;
- (8) Two representatives of the oil and gas or LNG industries, who shall be employees of a company that deals with oil and gas or LNG in this Commonwealth or a trade organization for oil and gas or LNG in this Commonwealth.
- (9) The Executive Director of the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority or a designee, who shall be an employee of the authority;
- (10) The Chief Executive Officer of the Philadelphia Gas Works or a designee, who shall be an employee of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

(11) One representative of the Philadelphia Building Trades.

The chairman of the task force would be selected in a vote of the members held in their first meeting and the legislator appointed by the Speaker would temporarily serve as the chairman and schedule the task force's first meeting until that vote takes place.

The task force shall hold at least three public meetings within one year after the effective date of the act with the first meeting being commenced within 75 days of the effective date. The task force shall have the following duties:

- 1) identify and examine the existing obstacles, economic feasibility, economic impact and the security necessities that would be involved with making the Port of Philadelphia an LNG export terminal;
- 2) identify industry partners who are able to assist in making the Port of Philadelphia an LNG export terminal;
- 3) develop recommendations for making the Port of Philadelphia an LNG export terminal;
- 4) hold public meetings to effectuate the task force's duties; and
- 5) issue a report.

The task force shall prepare and submit a report on the task force's activities, findings and recommendations to the Governor, the House, and the Senate no later than one year after the effective date of this act.

The task force shall adopt the final report at a public meeting. Any member of the task force who disagrees with a portion of the report shall have the opportunity to include a rebuttal statement, as an appendix, within the report before the report is published online, transmitted to the General Assembly and the Governor or otherwise made a public record...."

Members shall not be compensated for their services as a member of the task force.

This legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. As drafted, the initial chairman of the task force would be responsible for administering the task force and schedule the first meeting until the vote to elect a chairman takes place. It is expected that any initial administrative or operational costs would be covered by the task force chair or related caucus - whether for the first meeting or the entire year of the task force.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.