

RCW 78.60.010 Legislative declaration. The public has a direct interest in the safe, orderly, and nearly pollution-free development of the geothermal resources of the state, as defined in RCW 78.60.030. The legislature hereby declares that it is in the best interests of the state to further the development of geothermal resources for the benefit of all of the citizens of the state while at the same time fully providing for the protection of the environment. The development of geothermal resources shall be so conducted as to protect the rights of landowners, other owners of interests therein, and the general public. In providing for such development, it is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the orderly exploration, safe drilling, production, and proper abandonment of geothermal resources in the state of Washington. [2017 c 259 s 1; 1974 ex.s. c 43 s 1. Formerly RCW 79.76.010.]