
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5445

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Energy & Utilities (originally sponsored by Senators Williams, McCaslin and Pelz)

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1 AN ACT Relating to joint operating agency nuclear construction
2 authority requiring site certification under chapter 80.50 RCW; and
3 creating new sections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is an
6 increasingly remote chance of completing the suspended nuclear projects
7 in the state, WNP-1 at Hanford and WNP-3 at Satsop. The legislature
8 further finds that there is a need for more definitive information
9 regarding the procedures and impacts relating to terminating these
10 facilities as well as a need for more information on the requirements
11 and impacts affecting the projects and their sites if the plants remain
12 uncompleted. The legislature also finds that valuable information can
13 be obtained from examining the process used to determine the economic
14 viability of the Trojan nuclear plant.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is hereby created a joint select
16 committee on nuclear project termination review. The committee shall
17 consist of two members of each major political caucus in the senate,
18 appointed by the president of the senate, and two members of each major

1 political caucus in the house of representatives, appointed by the
2 speaker of the house of representatives. In selecting members to serve
3 on the joint select committee, preference shall be given to members of
4 the energy and utilities committees. Support shall be provided by
5 existing legislative staff. The joint select committee shall review
6 the policy mechanisms, legal procedures and impacts relating to
7 termination, continued preservation, or alternate uses of the sites for
8 WNP-1 and WNP-3. The joint select committee may consider other
9 relevant topics pertaining to the status of WNP-1 and WNP-3 or the
10 sites of these reactors. When conducting the review, the joint select
11 committee shall consult with the Washington public power supply system,
12 Portland general electric, the state of Oregon, environmental groups,
13 the Northwest power planning council, the Bonneville power
14 administration, the financial community, the Washington state energy
15 office, the energy facility site evaluation council, ratepayer advocacy
16 groups, public utilities that are participants in the projects, labor
17 organizations, and other relevant groups. The joint select committee
18 shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and
19 appropriate standing committees of the legislature no later than
20 December 1, 1993.

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