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By Senators Poulsen and Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to nuclear power plant audits; and amending RCW
2 43.52.378.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.52.378 and 1987 c 505 s 84 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The executive board of any operating agency constructing,
7 operating, terminating, or decommissioning a nuclear power plant under
8 a site certification agreement issued pursuant to chapter 80.50 RCW
9 shall appoint an administrative auditor. The administrative auditor
10 shall be deemed an officer under chapter 42.23 RCW. The appointment of
11 the administrative auditor shall be in addition to the appointment of
12 the auditor for the issuance of warrants and other purposes as provided
13 in RCW 43.52.375. (~~The executive board shall retain a qualified firm
14 or firms to conduct performance audits which is in fact independent and
15 does not have any interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with
16 the operating agency other than its employment hereunder. No member or
17 employee of any such firm shall be connected with the operating agency
18 as an officer, employee, or contractor.~~) The administrative auditor
19 (~~and the firm or firms~~) shall be independently and directly

1 responsible to the executive board of the operating agency. The
2 executive board shall require (~~(a firm)~~) the administrative auditor to
3 conduct continuing audits of the methods, procedures and organization
4 used by the operating agency to control costs, schedules, productivity,
5 contract amendments, project design and any other topics deemed
6 desirable by the executive board. The executive board may also require
7 (~~(a firm)~~) the administrative auditor to analyze particular technical
8 aspects of the operating agency's projects and contract amendments.
9 The (~~(firm or firms)~~) administrative auditor shall provide advice to
10 the executive board in its management and control of the operating
11 agency. At least once each year, the (~~(firm or firms)~~) administrative
12 auditor shall prepare and furnish a report of its actions and
13 recommendations to the executive board for the purpose of enabling it
14 to attain the highest degree of efficiency in the management and
15 control of any thermal power project under construction or in
16 operation. (~~(The administrative auditor shall assist the firm or firms~~
17 ~~in the performance of its duties.)~~) The administrative auditor (~~(and~~
18 ~~the firm or firms)~~) shall consult regularly with the executive board
19 and furnish any information or data to the executive board which the
20 administrative auditor(~~(, firm,)~~) or executive board deems helpful in
21 accomplishing the purpose above stated. The administrative auditor
22 shall perform such other duties as the executive board shall prescribe
23 to accomplish the purposes of this section.

24 Upon the concurrent request of the chairmen of the senate or house
25 energy and utilities committees, the operating agency shall report to
26 the committees on a quarterly basis.

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