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1 AN ACT Relating to anaerobic digestion power; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 19.29A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.29A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a state
7 agency that is served by a public or private utility must purchase all
8 available anaerobic digestion power from the local electric utility
9 when the producer of the power sends a written purchase request to the
10 agency. Purchases by a state agency shall not exceed the agency's
11 annual electricity consumption. A state agency shall pay for anaerobic
12 digestion power at no less than the retail price that the local
13 electric utility charges that customer.

14 (2) State agencies are not required to purchase all available
15 anaerobic digestion power from their local electric utility if the
16 utility is exempt from offering a qualified alternative energy resource
17 as defined in RCW 19.29A.090.

18 (3) To the extent that a local electric utility purchases power
19 from an anaerobic digestion power producer in its service territory,

1 the utility must pay the producer an amount no less than the retail
2 price that the utility charges a state agency in this section, minus
3 administrative costs that do not exceed five percent of that amount.

4 (4) For the purposes of this section, "anaerobic digestion power"
5 means the electricity generated from an in-state facility that
6 processes manure or other organic substrates into biogas using
7 microorganisms in a decomposition process within a closed, oxygen-free
8 container.

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