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Energy & Communications.

1            AN ACT Relating to creating a Washington state energy road map;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.30 RCW; creating a new section; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that pursuing energy  
6 efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy efforts should be a  
7 priority for the state and its local communities.    The legislature  
8 recognizes that opportunities exist for funding these efforts.    In  
9 addition, there are models from other jurisdictions for increasing  
10 energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy.    It is the  
11 intent of the legislature that the Washington State University energy  
12 program study these issues and create a Washington state energy  
13 efficiency and renewable energy road map.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.30 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16            (1) The Washington State University energy program, in consultation  
17 with the department of ecology and the community, trade, and economic

1 development energy policy division, must conduct a study to create an  
2 energy efficiency and renewable energy road map for the state. The  
3 study must:

4 (a) Evaluate the state's current efforts with respect to energy  
5 efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy;

6 (b) Evaluate the state's role in regional efforts to improve energy  
7 efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy;

8 (c) Evaluate the effectiveness of other jurisdictions with  
9 established programs for funding energy efficiency, conservation, and  
10 renewable energy;

11 (d) Evaluate methods for funding energy efficiency, conservation,  
12 and renewable energy;

13 (e) Evaluate funding sources for municipalities to promote energy  
14 efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy projects;

15 (f) Identify areas where the state needs to increase energy  
16 efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy;

17 (g) Identify areas where the state could establish, expand, or fund  
18 efforts related to energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable  
19 energy;

20 (h) Identify methods and create recommended strategies to fund  
21 energy efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy in areas where  
22 increased efforts are needed; and

23 (i) Create the Washington state energy efficiency and renewable  
24 energy road map containing recommended steps to be taken by the state,  
25 local governments, the Washington State University energy program, and  
26 other interested parties to establish, fund, and expand energy  
27 efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy in the state.

28 (2) In conducting the study to create the Washington state energy  
29 efficiency and renewable energy road map, the Washington State  
30 University energy program shall consult with the following:

31 (a) Representatives from all state agencies that deal with energy  
32 issues;

33 (b) Representatives from public utility districts;

34 (c) Representatives from electric utilities regulated by the  
35 utilities and transportation commission;

36 (d) A representative from a private industry engaged in business  
37 related to energy efficiency and conservation;

38 (e) A representative from an environmental organization;

1 (f) A representative of energy users including commercial,  
2 industrial, and residential users;

3 (g) A representative of a regional agency that monitors air  
4 quality;

5 (h) A representative from an organization that represents  
6 municipalities;

7 (i) A representative from an organization that deals with carbon  
8 offsets; and

9 (j) A representative from a regional organization involved in  
10 energy planning and distribution.

11 (3) The Washington State University energy program must report its  
12 results and provide the Washington state energy efficiency and  
13 renewable energy road map to the governor and the appropriate  
14 committees of the legislature by December 31, 2008.

15 (4) This section expires January 31, 2009.

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