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By Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Poulsen, Kilmer, Regala, Murray, Shin, Kline and Kohl-Welles)

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1 AN ACT Relating to renewable energy; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The use of renewable energy provides a
5 number of benefits, including increased energy diversity and security,
6 reduction in the effects of greenhouse gases, and economic development
7 opportunities. The legislature declares, therefore, it is in the best
8 interests of the citizens of the state to encourage the development and
9 use of renewable energy.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Each state agency that is a retail electric customer shall use
13 eligible renewable resources or acquire and retire equivalent renewable
14 energy credits, or a combination of both, to meet the following
15 electricity consumption targets:

16 (a) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
17 electric usage is at least twenty-five percent in fiscal year 2011;

1 (b) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
2 electric usage is at least thirty-five percent in fiscal years 2015
3 through 2016; and

4 (c) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
5 electric usage is at least fifty percent in fiscal year 2019 and each
6 fiscal year thereafter.

7 (2) In meeting the targets, state agencies may include any eligible
8 renewable resource provided by their serving electric utility's load as
9 documented by the most recent reports submitted to the department of
10 community, trade, and economic development under chapter 19.29A or
11 19.285 RCW.

12 (3) The department of general administration shall survey and
13 report the efforts of state agencies in meeting the targets. The first
14 report is due to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
15 in December 2011 and every four years thereafter.

16 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
17 specific purpose, the department is authorized to negotiate and
18 purchase on behalf of state agencies renewable energy credits. The
19 department shall retire any renewable energy credit purchased to
20 satisfy a target.

21 (5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
22 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

23 (a) "Eligible renewable resource" has the same meaning as in RCW
24 19.285.030.

25 (b) "Renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in RCW
26 19.285.030.

27 (c) "State agency" means any state board, commission, bureau,
28 committee, department, institution, division, or tribunal in the
29 legislative, executive, or judicial branch of state government, and
30 includes all elective offices, the state legislature, those
31 institutions of higher education created and supported by state
32 government, and those courts that are fully supported by state
33 government. It does not include political subdivisions; units of local
34 government; superior, district, and municipal courts; school districts;
35 municipal corporations; quasi-municipal corporations; special purpose
36 districts; or local service districts.

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