
HOUSE BILL 1184

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By Representative Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the loan repayment period for
2 conservation projects funded by municipal utilities; and amending RCW
3 35.92.360.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.92.360 and 2002 c 276 s 2 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any city or town engaged in the generation, sale, or
8 distribution of energy is hereby authorized, within limits established
9 by the Constitution of the state of Washington, to assist the owners of
10 structures or equipment in financing the acquisition and installation
11 of materials and equipment, for compensation or otherwise, for the
12 conservation or more efficient use of energy in such structures or
13 equipment pursuant to an energy conservation plan adopted by the city
14 or town if the cost per unit of energy saved or produced by the use of
15 such materials and equipment is less than the cost per unit of energy
16 produced by the next least costly new energy resource which the city or
17 town could acquire to meet future demand. Any financing authorized
18 under this chapter shall only be used for conservation purposes in
19 existing structures, and such financing shall not be used for any

1 purpose which results in a conversion from one energy source to
2 another. For the purposes of this section, "conservation purposes in
3 existing structures" may include projects to allow a municipal electric
4 utility's customers to generate all or a portion of their own
5 electricity through the on-site installation of a distributed
6 electricity generation system that uses as its fuel solar, wind,
7 geothermal, or hydropower, or other renewable resource that is
8 available on-site and not from a commercial source. Such projects
9 shall not be considered "a conversion from one energy source to
10 another" which is limited to the change or substitution of one
11 commercial energy supplier for another commercial energy supplier.
12 Except where otherwise authorized, such assistance shall be limited to:

13 ((+1)) (a) Providing an inspection of the structure or equipment,
14 either directly or through one or more inspectors under contract, to
15 determine and inform the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and
16 installing conservation materials and equipment for which financial
17 assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings in
18 energy costs that are likely to result from the installation of such
19 materials or equipment;

20 ((+2)) (b) Providing a list of businesses who sell and install
21 such materials and equipment within or in close proximity to the
22 service area of the city or town, each of which businesses shall have
23 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the
24 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize such materials in
25 accordance with the prevailing national standards((-));

26 ((+3)) (c) Arranging to have approved conservation materials and
27 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to
28 the owner of the residential structure and verifying such installation;
29 and

30 ((+4)) (d) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and
31 installation of approved conservation materials and equipment. Such
32 materials and equipment shall be purchased from a private business and
33 shall be installed by a private business or the owner.

34 ((+5)) (2) Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions
35 to the utility bill, billed either together with use charge or
36 separately. Loans shall not exceed ((one hundred twenty)) two hundred

1 forty months in length.

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