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**SENATE BILL 5709**

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**By** Senators Hochstatter, Morton, Schow, Swecker, Oke, Owen, Wood, Haugen, Long, Winsley, Strannigan, Johnson, McDonald, Cantu, Palmer, Finkbeiner, Moyer, Sellar, A. Anderson, West, Deccio and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to administrative rule making; adding a new section  
2 to chapter 34.05 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The regulated community is composed largely of people who try  
6 to comply with the rules they are aware of, but who are often  
7 frustrated by the complexity of the regulatory system.

8 (2) Agencies use old laws to adopt new rules without returning to  
9 the legislature for authorization.

10 It is the intent of the legislature to correct this problem by  
11 requiring agencies to return to the legislature after two years for  
12 authorization to adopt new rules.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an  
16 agency's statutory authority to adopt rules expires two years after the  
17 effective date of the statute or two years after the effective date of  
18 this act, whichever is later. Thereafter the agency may adopt rules

1 only if the agency's rule-making authority has been reauthorized by  
2 law.

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