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By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheldon, Dunn, D. Sommers, Kastama, Lambert, Sump, Ballasiotes, Doumit, Linville, Chandler, Veloria, Grant, Conway, O'Brien, Wensman, Mulliken, Sullivan and Cooke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to making advisory committees and task forces
2 subject to the open public meetings act; and amending RCW 42.30.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.020 and 1985 c 366 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 As used in this chapter unless the context indicates otherwise:

7 (1) "Public agency" means:

8 (a) Any state board, commission, committee, department, educational
9 institution, or other state agency which is created by or pursuant to
10 statute, other than courts and the legislature;

11 (b) Any county, city, school district, special purpose district, or
12 other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state of
13 Washington;

14 (c) Any subagency of a public agency which is created by or
15 pursuant to statute, ordinance, or other legislative act, including but
16 not limited to planning commissions, library or park boards,
17 commissions, and agencies;

18 (d) Any policy group whose membership includes representatives of
19 publicly owned utilities formed by or pursuant to the laws of this

1 state when meeting together as or on behalf of participants who have
2 contracted for the output of generating plants being planned or built
3 by an operating agency; and

4 (e) Any advisory committee or task force with two or more members
5 who are appointed by the governor, if the charge of the advisory
6 committee or task force relates to the expenditure or use of tax
7 receipts.

8 (2) "Governing body" means the multimember board, commission,
9 committee, council, or other policy or rule-making body of a public
10 agency, or any committee thereof when the committee acts on behalf of
11 the governing body, conducts hearings, or takes testimony or public
12 comment.

13 (3) "Action" means the transaction of the official business of a
14 public agency by a governing body including but not limited to receipt
15 of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations,
16 reviews, evaluations, and final actions. "Final action" means a
17 collective positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a
18 majority of the members of a governing body when sitting as a body or
19 entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance.

20 (4) "Meeting" means meetings at which action is taken.

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