

1 **HB 1459** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 3/3/99**

2 By Committee on Technology, Telecommunications & Energy

3 On page 1, line 7, strike all language beginning with (1)-  
4 through RCW 70.164.020(4)- on page 1, line 19, and insert the  
5 following:

6 Upon request by an electrical or gas company, the commission may  
7 approve rates, charges, services, and/or physical facilities at a  
8 discount for low-income senior customers and low-income customers.  
9 Expenses and lost revenues as a result of these discounts shall be  
10 included in the company's cost of service and recovered in rates to  
11 other customers-

**EFFECT:** The amendment:(1) clarifies that discounted rates are to be approved by the WUTC upon request by an electric or gas company; (2) removes water companies from those types of companies that can request to provide discounted rates; (3) clarifies that discounts for a change in physical facilities can be provided;(4) removes codified definitions of low-income senior citizen- and low-income citizen;- and (5) clarifies that costs and expenses for providing discounted services and physical facilities must be recovered in rates.