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On page 3, after line 9, insert the following: "Sec. 3. RCW 44.39.010 and section 13, chapter 328, laws of 1977 are each amended to read as follows:

8 There is hereby created the joint committee on energy ((and 9 <u>utilities</u>)) <u>shortages</u> of the legislature of the state of Washington.

10 Sec. 4. RCW 44.39.015 and section 14, chapter 328, laws of 1977 are 11 each amended to read as follows:

12 The committee shall consist of four senators and four 13 representatives who shall be selected biennially as follows:

(1) The president of the senate shall ((nominate)) appoint four members from the ((energy and utilities committee)) senate to serve on the committee, including the ((chairman,)) chairperson of the committee responsible for energy issues. Two members ((being)) from each major political party must be appointed ((, to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation. Upon confirmation, the senators shall be deemed installed as members)).

21 (2) The speaker or co-speakers of the house of representatives 22 shall nominate four members from the ((energy and utilities committee)) 23 house of representatives to serve on the committee, including the 24 ((chairman,)) chairperson or co-chairs of the committee responsible for 25 energy issues. Two members ((being)) from each major political party 26 must be appointed ((, to serve on the committee, and shall submit the 27 list of nominees to the house of representatives for confirmation. 28 Upon confirmation, the representatives shall be deemed installed as 29 members. The chairmen of the senate and house energy and utilities 30 committees shall alternately serve as chairman for one year terms. The 31 chairman of the house committee shall serve as the initial chairman. 32 The chairman may designate another committee member to serve as 33 chairman in his or her absence)).

34 (3) The committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson.
 35 The chairperson shall be a member of the house of representatives in
 36 even-numbered years and a member of the senate in odd-numbered years.

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- 1 In the case of a tie in the membership of the house of representatives
- 2 <u>in an even-numbered year, the committee shall elect co-chairs from the</u> 3 <u>house of representatives in that year.</u>"
- Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references
 accordingly.

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9 On page 1, line 1 of the title, strike all material in the title 10 after "Relating to" and insert the following; "responding to energy 11 supply shortages; amending RCW 82.08.02567, RCW 82.12.02567, RCW 12 44.39.010, and RCW 44.39.015; providing an effective date; providing 13 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency."

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EFFECT: Modifies the membership requirements and appointment procedures, and changes the name of the joint committee on energy & utilities.