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3 By Senators Finkbeiner, Morton and Fraser

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

8 There is hereby created the joint committee on energy (~~and~~  
9 ~~utilities~~) shortages 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:

14 (1) The president of the senate shall (~~nominate~~) appoint four  
15 members from the (~~energy and utilities committee~~) senate to serve on  
16 the committee, including the (~~chairman,~~) chairperson of the committee  
17 responsible for energy issues. Two members (~~being~~) from each major  
18 political party must be appointed (~~(, to serve on the committee, and~~  
19 ~~shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation. Upon~~  
20 ~~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.

1 In the case of a tie in the membership of the house of representatives  
2 in an even-numbered year, the committee shall elect co-chairs from the  
3 house of representatives in that year."

4 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references  
5 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."

« END «

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