HOUSE BILL 2096

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1 AN ACT Relating to assistance for low-income residential utility 2 customers; and amending RCW 57.46.010.

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

4 **sec. 1.** RCW 57.46.010 and 1996 c 230 s 1401 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 A district may engage in general fund-raising activities for the 7 purpose of enhancing contributions to assistance programs described in 8 this section. A district may <u>also</u> include along with, or as part of 9 its regular customer billings, a request for voluntary contributions to 10 assist qualified low-income residential customers of the district in paying their district bills. All funds received by the district in 11 response to such requests shall be transmitted to the grantee of the 12 13 department of community, trade, and economic development which 14 administers federally funded energy assistance programs for the state 15 in the district's service area or to a charitable organization within the district's service area. All such funds shall be used solely to 16 17 supplement assistance to low-income residential customers of the district in paying their district bills. The grantee or charitable 18 19 organization shall be responsible to determine which of the district's

- 1 customers are qualified for low-income assistance and the amount of
- 2 assistance to be provided to those who are qualified.

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