

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2370

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Williams, Kessler, Kilmer, Chase, Blake, Morrell, Appleton, Moeller, Hasegawa, Murray, Linville, Conway, P. Sullivan, Springer, Takko, Lantz, Dickerson, Kenney, Fromhold, Kagi, McIntire, Ericksen, B. Sullivan, Simpson, Ericks, Sells, Upthegrove, Ormsby, McDermott and Schual-Berke; by request of Governor Gregoire)

READ FIRST TIME 01/11/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to low-income home energy assistance; amending RCW
2 80.01.080; adding a new section to 2005 c 518 (uncodified); making an
3 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to 2005 c 518
6 (uncodified) to read as follows:

7 **FOR THE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

8 Public Service Revolving Account--State

9 Appropriation \$7,600,000

10 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
11 conditions and limitations: The appropriation is provided solely for
12 transfer to the department of community, trade, and economic
13 development for the low-income home energy assistance program. The
14 department shall not use any of this appropriation for administrative
15 costs.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 80.01.080 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 s 940 are each
17 amended to read as follows:

18 There is created in the state treasury a public service revolving

1 fund. Regulatory fees payable by all types of public service companies
2 shall be deposited to the credit of the public service revolving fund.
3 Except for expenses payable out of the pipeline safety account, all
4 expense of operation of the Washington utilities and transportation
5 commission shall be payable out of the public service revolving fund.

6 During the 2003-2005 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer
7 from the public service revolving fund to the state general fund such
8 amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the fund.

9 Due to the extraordinarily high winter energy costs, during the
10 2005-2007 fiscal biennium, no more than seven million six hundred
11 thousand dollars, as appropriated in section 1 of this act, shall be
12 payable out of the public service revolving fund to provide energy
13 assistance to customers in accordance with the low-income energy
14 assistance program.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 immediately.

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