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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5724**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senator Pridemore)

READ FIRST TIME 02/19/09.

1       AN ACT Relating to electricity from biomass energy that is a  
2 renewable resource; and adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.**   (1) Any county legislative authority of a  
5 county where a public utility district owns and operates a plant or  
6 system for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric  
7 energy for sale within the county may construct, purchase, acquire,  
8 operate, and maintain a facility to generate electricity from biomass  
9 energy that is a renewable resource under RCW 19.285.030. The county  
10 legislative authority has the authority to regulate and control the  
11 use, distribution, sale, and price of the electricity produced from the  
12 biomass facility authorized under this section.

13       (2) For the purposes of this section:

14       (a) "County legislative authority" means the board of county  
15 commissioners or the county council; and

16       (b) "Public utility district" means a municipal corporation formed  
17 under chapter 54.08 RCW.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    Section 1 of this act constitutes a new  
2 chapter in Title 36 RCW.

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