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1 AN ACT Relating to including nuclear energy in the principles  
2 that guide development and implementation of the state's energy  
3 strategy; and amending RCW 43.21F.088.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21F.088 and 2010 c 271 s 403 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The state shall use the following principles to guide  
8 development and implementation of the state's energy strategy and to  
9 meet the goals of RCW 43.21F.010:

10 (a) Pursue all cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation  
11 as the state's preferred energy resource, consistent with state law;

12 (b) Ensure that the state's energy system meets the health,  
13 welfare, and economic needs of its citizens with particular emphasis  
14 on meeting the needs of low-income and vulnerable populations;

15 (c) Maintain and enhance economic competitiveness by ensuring an  
16 affordable and reliable supply of energy resources and by supporting  
17 clean energy technology innovation, access to clean energy markets  
18 worldwide, and clean energy business and workforce development;

19 (d) Reduce dependence on fossil fuel energy sources through  
20 improved efficiency and development of cleaner energy sources, such  
21 as bioenergy, low-carbon energy sources, nuclear energy, and natural

1 gas, and leveraging the indigenous resources of the state for the  
2 production of clean energy;

3 (e) Improve efficiency of transportation energy use through  
4 advances in vehicle technology, increased system efficiencies,  
5 development of electricity, biofuels, and other clean fuels, and  
6 regional transportation planning to improve transportation choices;

7 (f) Meet the state's statutory greenhouse gas limits and  
8 environmental requirements as the state develops and uses energy  
9 resources;

10 (g) Build on the advantage provided by the state's clean regional  
11 electrical grid by expanding and integrating additional carbon-free  
12 and carbon-neutral generation, and improving the transmission  
13 capacity serving the state;

14 (h) Make state government a model for energy efficiency, use of  
15 clean and renewable energy, and greenhouse gas-neutral operations;  
16 and

17 (i) Maintain and enhance our state's existing energy  
18 infrastructure.

19 (2) The department shall:

20 (a) During energy shortage emergencies, give priority in the  
21 allocation of energy resources to maintaining the public health,  
22 safety, and welfare of the state's citizens and industry in order to  
23 minimize adverse impacts on their physical, social, and economic  
24 well-being;

25 (b) Develop and disseminate impartial and objective energy  
26 information and analysis, while taking full advantage of the  
27 capabilities of the state's institutions of higher education,  
28 national laboratory, and other organizations with relevant expertise  
29 and analytical capabilities;

30 (c) Actively seek to maximize federal and other nonstate funding  
31 and support to the state for energy efficiency, renewable energy,  
32 emerging energy technologies, and other activities of benefit to the  
33 state's overall energy future; and

34 (d) Monitor the actions of all agencies of the state for  
35 consistent implementation of the state's energy policy including  
36 applicable statutory policies and goals relating to energy supply and  
37 use.

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