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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1953**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Energy & Utilities (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant, Rayburn, Johanson and Long)

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1 AN ACT Relating to energy siting review; creating new sections; and  
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that meeting future  
5 energy demands within the state will require the siting of new  
6 generating facilities, renewable resources, transmission facilities,  
7 and natural gas pipelines. The legislature further finds that current  
8 siting processes, designed to accommodate large thermal power plants,  
9 do not allow efficient development of current energy supply options.  
10 The legislature further finds that a comprehensive review and revision  
11 of siting policy is needed to ensure timely development of adequate,  
12 environmentally sound energy resources at an affordable cost.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is created an energy siting process  
14 review committee. The committee shall review the siting processes  
15 currently applicable to energy facilities, including: (1) Major  
16 thermal power plants; (2) natural gas-fired combustion turbines; (3)  
17 cogeneration plants; (4) hydroelectric facilities; (5) other renewable  
18 resources, including wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass energy; (6)

1 natural gas pipelines; and (7) electric transmission lines. The  
2 committee shall recommend changes to statutes, rules, and policies that  
3 will reduce the cost and allow timely siting of new resources, while  
4 preserving environmental quality, allowing public review and comment,  
5 and ensuring an appropriate role for local government.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The energy siting process review committee  
7 shall consist of fourteen members, as follows:

8 (1) One member from each caucus of the senate, appointed by the  
9 president of the senate;

10 (2) One member from each caucus of the house of representatives,  
11 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and

12 (3) Ten members appointed by the governor, representing the  
13 following interests:

14 (a) One member representing cities;

15 (b) One member representing counties;

16 (c) One member representing publicly owned electric utilities;

17 (d) One member representing investor-owned electric utilities;

18 (e) One member representing natural gas utilities;

19 (f) One member representing environmental organizations;

20 (g) One member representing independent power producers; and

21 (h) Three members representing citizens at large.

22 Members appointed by the governor shall represent the various  
23 geographical regions of the state.

24 The chairperson shall be selected by the governor from the citizen  
25 members of the committee.

26 Members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall  
27 be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and  
28 43.03.060.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state energy office shall provide staff  
30 support to the energy siting process review committee.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The energy siting process review committee  
32 shall report its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
33 legislation, to the governor and appropriate standing committees of the  
34 legislature no later than December 1, 1993.

1      NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    This act shall expire June 30, 1994.

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