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**SENATE BILL 5542**

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**By** Senators Fraser, Eide, Patterson, Regala, Kline, Gardner, Winsley and Kohl-Welles; by request of Governor Locke

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing sales and use tax exemptions for  
2 air pollution control facilities acquired or installed by a light  
3 and power business at thermal electric peaking plants; and adding  
4 a new section to chapter 82.34 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.34  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The following definitions apply throughout this section:

9 (a) "Qualifying facility" means an air pollution control  
10 facility as that term is defined in RCW 82.34.010(1)(a) to be  
11 installed or acquired for a thermal electric peaking plant and  
12 which is approved pursuant to the Washington clean air act,  
13 chapter 70.94 RCW.

14 (b) "Thermal electric peaking plant" means a natural gas-fired  
15 thermal electric generating facility operated by a light and power  
16 business and placed into service between January 1, 1978, and  
17 December 31, 1984, and that is registered for the calendar year  
18 2000 pursuant to RCW 70.94.151.

1 (c) "Light and power business" has the same meaning as in RCW  
2 82.16.010.

3 (2) The department shall, upon written request of a light and  
4 power business to which the approval issued under chapter 70.94  
5 RCW is attached, make a determination as to whether a plant is a  
6 thermal electric peaking plant acquiring or installing a  
7 qualifying facility eligible under this section. The department  
8 shall consult with the department of community, trade, and  
9 economic development and the department of ecology in making the  
10 determination. If the determination is in the affirmative, the  
11 department shall issue the light and power business a sales and  
12 use tax exemption certificate in a form and manner as deemed  
13 appropriate by the department.

14 (3) The charges for installation or acquisition of a qualifying  
15 facility by the holder of the certificate are exempt from sales  
16 tax imposed under chapter 82.08 RCW and use tax imposed under  
17 chapter 82.12 RCW. The purchaser must provide the seller with a  
18 copy of the sales and use tax exemption certificate. The seller  
19 shall retain a copy of the certificate for the seller's files.

20 (4) The exemption in this section is limited to the  
21 installation or acquisition of a qualifying facility and does not  
22 apply to servicing, maintenance, operation, or repairs of a  
23 thermal electric peaking plant or of an air pollution control  
24 facility.

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