

HB 1184 - S COMM AMD

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 35.92.360 and 2002 c 276 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Any city or town engaged in the generation, sale, or
6 distribution of energy is hereby authorized, within limits established
7 by the Constitution of the state of Washington, to assist the owners of
8 structures or equipment in financing the acquisition and installation
9 of materials and equipment, for compensation or otherwise, for the
10 conservation or more efficient use of energy in such structures or
11 equipment pursuant to an energy conservation plan adopted by the city
12 or town if the cost per unit of energy saved or produced by the use of
13 such materials and equipment is less than the cost per unit of energy
14 produced by the next least costly new energy resource which the city or
15 town could acquire to meet future demand. Any financing authorized
16 under this chapter shall only be used for conservation purposes in
17 existing structures, and such financing shall not be used for any
18 purpose which results in a conversion from one energy source to
19 another. For the purposes of this section, "conservation purposes in
20 existing structures" may include projects to allow a municipal electric
21 utility's customers to generate all or a portion of their own
22 electricity through the on-site installation of a distributed
23 electricity generation system that uses as its fuel solar, wind,
24 geothermal, or hydropower, or other renewable resource that is
25 available on-site and not from a commercial source. Such projects
26 shall not be considered "a conversion from one energy source to
27 another" which is limited to the change or substitution of one
28 commercial energy supplier for another commercial energy supplier.
29 Except where otherwise authorized, such assistance shall be limited to:

1 ((+1)) (a) Providing an inspection of the structure or equipment,
2 either directly or through one or more inspectors under contract, to
3 determine and inform the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and
4 installing conservation materials and equipment for which financial
5 assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings in
6 energy costs that are likely to result from the installation of such
7 materials or equipment;

8 ((+2)) (b) Providing a list of businesses who sell and install
9 such materials and equipment within or in close proximity to the
10 service area of the city or town, each of which businesses shall have
11 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the
12 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize such materials in
13 accordance with the prevailing national standards((-));

14 ((+3)) (c) Arranging to have approved conservation materials and
15 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to
16 the owner of the residential structure and verifying such installation;
17 and

18 ((+4)) (d) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and
19 installation of approved conservation materials and equipment. Such
20 materials and equipment shall be purchased from a private business and
21 shall be installed by a private business or the owner.

22 ((+5)) (2) Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions
23 to the utility bill, billed either together with use charge or
24 separately. Loans shall not exceed (~~one hundred twenty~~) two hundred
25 forty months in length.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 54.16.032 and 1989 c 421 s 4 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 Any district is hereby authorized, within limits established by the
29 Constitution of the state of Washington, to assist the owners of
30 structures in financing the acquisition and installation of fixtures,
31 systems, and equipment, for compensation or otherwise, for the
32 conservation or more efficient use of water in the structures under a
33 water conservation plan adopted by the district if the cost per unit of
34 water saved or conserved by the use of the fixtures, systems, and
35 equipment is less than the cost per unit of water supplied by the next
36 least costly new water source available to the district to meet future

1 demand. Except where otherwise authorized, assistance shall be limited
2 to:

3 (1) Providing an inspection of the structure, either directly or
4 through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine and inform
5 the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing
6 conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment for which financial
7 assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings to the
8 water system and the consumer that are likely to result from the
9 installation of the fixtures, systems, or equipment;

10 (2) Providing a list of businesses that sell and install the
11 fixtures, systems, and equipment within or in close proximity to the
12 service area of the city or town, each of which businesses shall have
13 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the
14 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize the fixtures, systems,
15 and equipment in accordance with the prevailing national standards;

16 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation fixtures, systems, and
17 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to
18 the owner of the structure and verifying the installation; and

19 (4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and
20 installation of approved conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment.
21 The fixtures, systems, and equipment shall be purchased or installed by
22 a private business, the owner, or the utility.

23 Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the
24 utility bill, billed either together with use charge or separately.
25 Loans shall not exceed (~~one~~) two hundred (~~twenty~~) forty months in
26 length."

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27 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "utilities" strike the
28 remainder of the title and insert "and public utility districts; and
29 amending RCW 35.92.360 and 54.16.032."

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