

**SB 5624 - S AMD 98**

By Senator Hasegawa

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 19.29A.030 and 1998 c 300 s 4 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 Except as otherwise provided in RCW 19.29A.040, an electric  
6 utility shall:

7 (1) Provide notice to all of its retail electric customers that  
8 the disclosures required in RCW 19.29A.020 are available without  
9 charge upon request. Such notice shall be provided at the time  
10 service is established and either included as a prominent part of  
11 each customer's bill or in a written notice mailed to each customer  
12 at least once a year thereafter. Required disclosures shall be  
13 provided without charge, in writing using plain language that is  
14 understandable to an ordinary customer, and presented in a form that  
15 is clear and conspicuous(~~(-)~~);

16 (2) Provide written or electronic notice of public hearings where  
17 changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the  
18 commission or governing body, in a form and manner as may be required  
19 by the commission or governing body;

20 (3) Disclose on each billing statement the rate of tax imposed  
21 upon the electric utility under RCW 35.21.870, if any, and the amount  
22 of such tax to be paid directly by the retail electric customer  
23 through the billing statement;

24 (4) Disclose the following information in a prominent manner on  
25 all billing statements sent to retail electric customers, or by a  
26 separate written notice mailed to all retail electric customers at  
27 least quarterly and at the same time as a billing statement: "YOUR  
28 BILL INCLUDES CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY, DELIVERY SERVICES, GENERAL  
29 ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD, METERING, TAXES, CONSERVATION EXPENSES,  
30 AND OTHER ITEMS. " "

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1        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "billing;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 19.29A.030."

EFFECT: Adds that a utility may provide either written or electronic notice, in a form and manner as required by the UTC or governing body, when giving notice of public hearings where changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the UTC or governing body.

Requires that a utility must disclose on each billing statement the local tax rate imposed by a city or town on the utility for electricity or natural gas.

Removes the requirement that a billing statement sent to retail electric customers must include an itemized listing of all rates and charges including the amount of federal, state, and local taxes collected by the utility.

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