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By Senator Ranker

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

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that Washington
4 should continue its leadership in clean energy, climate change
5 mitigation, and economic growth through the development of emerging
6 clean energy technologies.

7 (2) By putting utilities on a pathway to one hundred percent
8 fossil-free electricity, Washington can build on the state's
9 foundation of hydroelectric generation with clean energy resources.
10 Clean energy creates more jobs per unit of energy produced than
11 fossil fuel sources, so this transition will contribute job growth in
12 Washington while addressing our climate crisis head on.

13 (3) The legislature declares that Washington can promote energy
14 independence, create high-quality jobs in the clean energy sector,
15 maintain stable and affordable rates for all customers, and protect
16 clean air and water in the Pacific Northwest.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
18 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
19 otherwise.

20 (1) "Attorney general" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
21 19.285.030.

22 (2) "Auditor" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 19.285.030.

23 (3) "Coal-fired resource" means a facility that uses coal-fired
24 generating units, or that uses units fired in whole or in part by
25 coal as feedstock, to generate electricity.

26 (4) "Commission" means the Washington state utilities and
27 transportation commission.

28 (5) "Conservation" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
29 19.285.030.

30 (6) "Consumer-owned utility" has the same meaning as defined in
31 RCW 19.29A.010.

1 (7) "Customer" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 19.285.030.
2 (8) "Department" means the department of commerce or its
3 successor.
4 (9) "Electric utility" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
5 19.29A.010.
6 (10) "Fossil fuel" means petroleum products that are intended for
7 combustion, including natural gas, crude oil, petroleum, coal, or
8 coke of any kind, or any form of solid, liquid, or gaseous fuel
9 derived from these products including but not limited to motor
10 vehicle fuel, special fuel, aircraft fuel, marine fuel, still gas,
11 propane, and petroleum residuals such as bunker fuel.
12 (11) "Fossil fuel generating resource" is an electric generating
13 unit that generates electricity from the combustion or oxidation of
14 fossil fuels.
15 (12) "Investor-owned utility" has the same meaning as defined in
16 RCW 19.29A.010.
17 (13) "Low-income" means household income as defined by the
18 department or commission, provided that the definition may not exceed
19 eighty percent of area median household income, adjusted for
20 household size.
21 (14) "Market customer" means a nonresidential customer of an
22 electric utility that: (a) Purchases electricity from an entity or
23 entities other than the electric utility with which it is directly
24 interconnected; or (b) generates electricity to meet its own needs.
25 (15) "Natural gas" means naturally occurring mixtures of
26 hydrocarbon gases and vapors consisting principally of methane,
27 whether in gaseous or liquid form, including methane clathrate.
28 (16) "Petroleum product" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
29 82.23A.010.
30 (17) "Renewable resource" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
31 19.285.030.
32 (18) "Rule" means rules adopted by an agency or other entity of
33 Washington state government to carry out the intent and purposes of
34 this chapter.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1)(a) On or before January 1, 2030, all
36 electric utilities must eliminate from electric rates all costs
37 associated with delivering electricity to customers that is generated
38 from a coal-fired resource. This does not include costs associated
39 with decommissioning and remediation of these facilities.

1 (b) The commission may accelerate depreciation schedules for any
2 coal-fired resource owned by investor-owned utilities to a date no
3 later than January 1, 2030.

4 (2) Electric utilities and market customers must demonstrate that
5 they have reduced the total number of megawatt hours from fossil fuel
6 generating resources compared to a 2017 baseline approved by the
7 commission, for investor-owned utilities and market customers of
8 investor-owned utilities, and the department of commerce, for
9 consumer-owned utilities and market customers of consumer-owned
10 utilities, used to serve the utility's load by the following annual
11 targets:

12 (a) At least a twenty-five percent reduction from 2017 levels by
13 January 1, 2030, and through December 31, 2034;

14 (b) At least a fifty percent reduction from 2017 levels by
15 January 1, 2035, and through December 31, 2039;

16 (c) At least a seventy-five percent reduction from 2017 levels by
17 January 1, 2040, and through December 31, 2044; and

18 (d) One hundred percent reduction by December 31, 2045.

19 (3) To achieve the targets in subsection (2) of this section,
20 electric utilities and market customers shall demonstrate that they
21 have achieved all feasible conservation measures or investments,
22 reductions in demand, and demand management prior to making new
23 investments to meet projected demand; and, to the maximum extent
24 feasible, shall:

25 (a) Achieve the targets in subsection (2) of this section at the
26 lowest possible costs;

27 (b) Avoid the imposition of the pollution mitigation charge in
28 section 4(1)(a) of this act; and

29 (c) In the construction of new resources:

30 (i) Maximize the creation of family wage jobs, insofar as doing
31 so is consistent with (a) of this subsection; and

32 (ii) Rely on renewable resources.

33 (4) Any resource for which the environmental attribute or
34 attributes have been sold, transferred, or used for other purposes,
35 except for an electric utility's own compliance with the renewable
36 energy requirements under chapter 19.285 RCW, must be considered a
37 fossil fuel generating resource for the purpose of this act.

38 (5) Hydroelectric generation may not include new diversions, new
39 impoundments, new bypass reaches, or expansion of existing reservoirs
40 constructed after the effective date of this section unless the

1 diversions, bypass reaches, or reservoir expansions are necessary for
2 the operation of a pumped storage facility that: (a) Does not
3 conflict with existing state or federal fish recovery plans; and (b)
4 complies with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1)(a) An electric utility or market
6 customer shall pay a pollution mitigation charge to the department
7 for fossil fuel megawatt hours in excess of limits established in
8 section 3(2) of this act. This charge must be set per megawatt hour
9 and increase according to the schedule below:

Year	Level	Annual escalation
2030	Fifty dollars/MWh	None
2040	Seventy-five dollars/MWh	None
2045	One hundred dollars/MWh	Two percent

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18 (b) All dollar amounts set forth in (a) of this subsection are in
19 2018 dollars. Beginning on the effective date of this section, this
20 charge must be adjusted annually according to the rate of change of
21 the inflation indicator, gross domestic product-implicit price
22 deflator, as published by the bureau of economic analysis of the
23 United States department of commerce or its successor.

24 (2)(a) For an investor-owned utility, the commission shall
25 determine compliance with the provisions of this chapter and assess
26 charges as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

27 (b) For a consumer-owned utility, the department is responsible
28 for assessing charges as provided in subsection (1) of this section.
29 The auditor shall determine compliance with the provisions of this
30 chapter and the attorney general is responsible for enforcing
31 compliance.

32 (c) For a market customer, the auditor shall determine compliance
33 with this chapter and the attorney general is responsible for
34 enforcing compliance, except that the commission shall determine
35 compliance with section 3 of this act for a market customer of an
36 investor-owned utility.

1 (3)(a) By June 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each electric
2 utility and market customer shall report to the department on
3 progress towards the reduction in the total number of megawatt hours
4 from fossil fuel generating resources under section 3 of this act.

5 (b) Each investor-owned utility shall also report all information
6 required in (a) of this subsection to the commission.

7 (c) All electric utilities shall also make reports required in
8 this section available to its customers and each market customer
9 shall make all information required in this subsection available to
10 the attorney general.

11 (4) Moneys collected from electric utilities and market customers
12 pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section must be expended by the
13 department to assist electric utilities and market customers in
14 eliminating future payments of the pollution mitigation charge in the
15 following manner:

16 (a) One-third of revenue must be expended on projects that reduce
17 energy spending by low-income electricity customers, with priority
18 for distributed generation and conservation projects in excess of
19 existing requirements; and

20 (b) The remaining funds must be expended for projects that assist
21 electric utilities and market customers in meeting the carbon
22 reduction requirements in section 3 of this act including, but not
23 limited to: (i) Smart grid and grid modernization projects; and (ii)
24 research and deployment of renewable resources with capacity factors
25 above fifty percent.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1)(a) The legislature finds and declares
27 all of the following:

28 (i) There is insufficient information available to fully realize
29 the potential of solar photovoltaic energy generation to serve low-
30 income customers, including those in disadvantaged communities.

31 (ii) There is insufficient understanding of the barriers to
32 access for low-income customers to all forms of renewable energy
33 being generated in the state.

34 (iii) There is insufficient understanding of the barriers to
35 access for low-income customers to energy efficiency investments.

36 (iv) There is insufficient understanding of the barriers to
37 access for low-income customers to zero emission and near-zero
38 emission transportation options.

1 (b) By January 1, 2019, the department of commerce, with input
2 from relevant state agencies and the public, shall conduct and
3 complete a study on both of the following:

4 (i) Barriers to, and opportunities for, solar photovoltaic energy
5 generation as well as barriers to, and opportunities for, access to
6 other renewable energy by low-income customers; and

7 (ii) Barriers to contracting opportunities for local small
8 businesses in disadvantaged communities.

9 (c) By January 1, 2019, the department of commerce, with input
10 from relevant state agencies and the public, shall develop and
11 publish a study on barriers for low-income customers to energy
12 efficiency and weatherization investments, including those in
13 disadvantaged communities, as well as recommendations on how to
14 increase access to energy efficiency and weatherization investments
15 to low-income customers.

16 (d) By January 1, 2019, the department of commerce, with input
17 from relevant state agencies and the public, shall develop and
18 publish a study on barriers for low-income customers to zero emission
19 and near-zero emission transportation options, including those in
20 disadvantaged communities, as well as recommendations on how to
21 increase access to zero emission and near-zero emission
22 transportation options to low-income customers, including those in
23 disadvantaged communities.

24 (2) By January 1, 2025, the department of commerce, with input
25 from relevant state agencies and the public, shall develop and
26 publish a study on the impact of chapter . . . , Laws of 2018 (this
27 act) on utility rates as it affects individuals of varying income
28 levels, ethnic backgrounds, and racial backgrounds.

29 (3) By January 1, 2025, the department of commerce shall complete
30 a study determining projected and current worker hours in
31 construction manufacturing, operations, and maintenance created as a
32 result of compliance with this act. The study must also include
33 estimates of direct, indirect, and induced job creation. This study
34 must be repeated every five years.

35 (4) The definitions in RCW 19.285.030 apply throughout this
36 section.

37 (5) This section expires July 1, 2019.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The commission, in the case of investor-
2 owned utilities, and the department, in the case of consumer-owned
3 utilities, shall adopt rules to implement this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act
5 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any provision of this act or its
7 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
8 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
9 persons or circumstances is not affected."

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10 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "standard;" strike the
11 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 19
12 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and providing an
13 expiration date."

EFFECT: Removes the definition of "clean resources" and
"emission."

Removes the requirement that the UTC may not extend the
depreciation schedule for any fossil fuel generating resource.

Specifies that electric utilities and market customers must
demonstrate they have reduced their total number of MWh compared to a
2017 baseline approved by the UTC, for IOUs and market customers of
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Specifies time periods for targets.

Requires electric utilities and market customers to demonstrate
that they have achieved all feasible conservation measures or
investments, reductions in demand, and demand management prior to
making new investments to meet projected demand.

Requires that to the maximum extent feasible, construction of new
resources shall maximize the creation of family wage jobs and rely on
renewable resources.

Delays the start of annual reporting requirements for electric
utilities and market customers from June 1, 2020, to June 1, 2025.

Delays the Commerce study regarding the impact of utility rates
on individuals from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2025.

Adds a new study that Commerce must complete by January 1, 2025,
determining projected and current worker hours in construction

manufacturing, operations, and maintenance, created as a result of compliance with this act. The study must occur every 5 years.

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