

HB 2594 - H AMD 1366

By Representative Boehnke

1 On page 4, beginning on line 36, beginning with "(1)" strike all
2 material through "language" on page 7, line 10, and insert "At the
3 time of a gas company's initial filing of a proposed general rate case
4 or rate increase with the commission, in the case of an investor-owned
5 utility, or the governing body, in the case of a consumer-owned
6 utility, the gas company must notify the retail gas customers to whom
7 the change applies of the proposed rate increase using means
8 prescribed by the applicable administrative rule, ordinance, or other
9 policy. The notice must include a brief, plain language statement of
10 an estimate of increased charges reasonably attributable to RCW
11 80.28.395, or to rules adopted by state agencies to implement that
12 section, and chapter . . . (House Bill No. 2892), Laws of 2020, or
13 chapter . . . (Senate Bill No. 6628), Laws of 2020, should either be
14 enacted, to the extent that such information can be determined within
15 the gas company's existing resources. Each gas company must maintain
16 on its public internet web site the rate change notices required under
17 this section for the most recent five years, as applicable"

EFFECT: Removes the specific rate change disclosure requirements for gas companies. Requires a gas company to generally notify the retail gas customers to whom the change applies of the proposed rate increase. Requires the notice to include a brief, plain language statement of an estimate of increased charges reasonably attributable to RCW 80.28.395 and House Bill No. 2892 (2020) or Senate Bill No. 6628 (2020), should either be enacted, to the extent that such information can be determined within the gas company's existing resources. Requires each gas company to maintain on its public internet web site the rate change notices for the most recent five years, as applicable. Specifies that municipal gas companies are subject to the rate disclosure requirements.

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