
SENATE BILL 5681

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By Senators Thorsness, Sutherland, Williams and Saling.

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1 AN ACT Relating to geothermal resources; adding a new section to
2 chapter 79.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that geothermal
5 resources may provide a significant source of energy to serve the
6 growing needs of this state, and that private utilities, the Bonneville
7 power administration and the northwest power planning council have
8 expressed interest in an accelerated program of investigating potential
9 geothermal energy in the state. The legislature further finds that
10 many geothermal resources are located on state lands and that potential
11 geothermal developers need guidance as to the policy for leasing state
12 lands that may contain this energy source.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 79.12 RCW
14 to read as follows:

1 By December 1, 1991, the department of natural resources shall
2 adopt rules providing guidelines and procedures for leasing state-owned
3 land for the development of geothermal resources.