
SENATE BILL 6478

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1 AN ACT Relating to the duties of the energy office; and amending
2 RCW 43.21F.045.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21F.045 and 1990 c 12 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The energy office shall have the following duties:

7 (1) The office shall prepare and update contingency plans for
8 implementation in the event of energy shortages or emergencies. The
9 plans shall conform to chapter 43.21G RCW and shall include procedures
10 for determining when these shortages or emergencies exist, the state
11 officers and agencies to participate in the determination, and actions
12 to be taken by various agencies and officers of state government in
13 order to reduce hardship and maintain the general welfare during these
14 emergencies. The office shall coordinate the activities undertaken

1 pursuant to this subsection with other persons. The components of
2 plans that require legislation for their implementation shall be
3 presented to the legislature in the form of proposed legislation at the
4 earliest practicable date. The office shall report to the governor and
5 the legislature on probable, imminent, and existing energy shortages,
6 and shall administer energy allocation and curtailment programs in
7 accordance with chapter 43.21G RCW.

8 (2) The office shall establish and maintain a central repository in
9 state government for collection of existing data on energy resources,
10 including:

11 (a) Supply, demand, costs, utilization technology, projections, and
12 forecasts;

13 (b) Comparative costs of alternative energy sources, uses, and
14 applications; and

15 (c) Inventory data on energy research projects in the state
16 conducted under public and/or private auspices, and the results
17 thereof.

18 (3) The office shall coordinate federal energy programs appropriate
19 for state-level implementation, carry out such energy programs as are
20 assigned to it by the governor or the legislature, and monitor
21 federally funded local energy programs as required by federal or state
22 regulations.

23 (4) The office shall develop energy policy recommendations for
24 consideration by the governor and the legislature.

25 (5) The office shall provide assistance, space, and other support
26 as may be necessary for the activities of the state's two
27 representatives to the Pacific northwest electric power and
28 conservation planning council. To the extent consistent with federal
29 law, the office shall request that Washington's council members request
30 the administrator of the Bonneville power administration to reimburse

1 the state for the expenses associated with the support as provided in
2 the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act
3 (P.L. 96-501).

4 (6) The office shall cooperate with state agencies, other
5 governmental units, and private interests on energy matters.

6 (7) The office shall represent the interests of the state in the
7 siting, construction, and operation of nuclear waste storage and
8 disposal facilities.

9 (8) The office shall serve as the official state agency responsible
10 for coordination of energy-related activities.

11 (9) No later than December 1, 1982, and by December 1st of each
12 even-numbered year thereafter, the office shall prepare and transmit to
13 the governor and the legislature a report on energy supply and demand,
14 conservation, and other factors as appropriate.

15 (10) The office shall provide support for increasing cost-effective
16 energy conservation, including assisting in the removal of impediments
17 to timely implementation.

18 (11) The office shall provide support for the development of cost-
19 effective energy resources including assisting in the removal of
20 impediments to timely construction.

21 (12) The office shall represent the interests of the state in
22 matters that encourage adequate supplies of energy resources for the
23 citizens of the state.

24 (13) The office shall represent the interests of the state in the
25 siting of electrical transmission and distribution facilities and
26 natural gas distribution facilities.

27 (14) The office shall adopt rules, under chapter 34.05 RCW,
28 necessary to carry out the powers and duties enumerated in this
29 chapter.

1 (~~(13)~~) (15) The office shall provide administrative assistance,
2 space, and other support as may be necessary for the activities of the
3 energy facility site evaluation council, as provided for in RCW
4 80.50.030.