
SENATE BILL 6493

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state energy strategy; amending RCW
2 43.21F.025, 43.21F.015, and 43.21F.045; adding a new section to chapter
3 43.21F RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state energy
6 strategy presented to the legislature in 1993 was developed by a
7 dedicated and talented committee of hard-working representatives of the
8 industries and people of this state and that the strategy document
9 should serve to guide energy-related policy decisions by the
10 legislature and other entities within this region.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.21F.025 and 1987 c 330 s 501 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) "Energy" means petroleum or other liquid fuels; natural or
14 synthetic fuel gas; solid carbonaceous fuels; fissionable nuclear
15 material; electricity; solar radiation; geothermal resources;
16 hydropower; organic waste products; wind; tidal activity; any other
17 substance or process used to produce heat, light, or motion; or the
18 savings from nongeneration technologies, including conservation or

1 improved efficiency in the usage of any of the sources described in
2 this subsection;

3 (2) "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint venture,
4 private or public corporation, association, firm, public service
5 company, political subdivision, municipal corporation, government
6 agency, public utility district, joint operating agency, or any other
7 entity, public or private, however organized;

8 (3) "Director" means the director of the state energy office;

9 (4) "Office" means the Washington state energy office; ((and))

10 (5) "Distributor" means any person, private corporation,
11 partnership, individual proprietorship, utility, including investor-
12 owned utilities, municipal utility, public utility district, joint
13 operating agency, or cooperative, which engages in or is authorized to
14 engage in the activity of generating, transmitting, or distributing
15 energy in this state; and

16 (6) "State energy strategy" means the document and energy policy
17 direction developed under section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1991
18 including any related appendices.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.21F.015 and 1981 c 295 s 1 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 It is the policy of the state of Washington that:

22 (1) The development and use of a diverse array of energy resources
23 with emphasis on renewable energy resources shall be encouraged;

24 (2) The supply of energy shall be sufficient to insure the health
25 and economic welfare of its citizens;

26 (3) The development and use of energy resources shall be consistent
27 with the statutory environmental policies of the state;

28 (4) Energy conservation and elimination of wasteful and uneconomic
29 uses of energy and materials shall be encouraged, and this conservation
30 should include, but is not limited to, resource recovery and materials
31 recycling;

32 (5) In energy emergency shortage situations, energy requirements to
33 maintain the public health, safety, and welfare shall be given priority
34 in the allocation of energy resources, and citizens and industry shall
35 be assisted in adjusting to the limited availability of energy in order
36 to minimize adverse impacts on their physical, social, and economic
37 well being; ((and))

1 (6) State government shall provide a source of impartial and
2 objective information in order that this energy policy may be enhanced;
3 and

4 (7) The state energy strategy shall provide primary guidance for
5 implementation of the state's energy policy.

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

8 The energy office shall have the following duties:

9 (1) The office shall prepare and update contingency plans for
10 implementation in the event of energy shortages or emergencies. The
11 plans shall conform to chapter 43.21G RCW and shall include procedures
12 for determining when these shortages or emergencies exist, the state
13 officers and agencies to participate in the determination, and actions
14 to be taken by various agencies and officers of state government in
15 order to reduce hardship and maintain the general welfare during these
16 emergencies. The office shall coordinate the activities undertaken
17 pursuant to this subsection with other persons. The components of
18 plans that require legislation for their implementation shall be
19 presented to the legislature in the form of proposed legislation at the
20 earliest practicable date. The office shall report to the governor and
21 the legislature on probable, imminent, and existing energy shortages,
22 and shall administer energy allocation and curtailment programs in
23 accordance with chapter 43.21G RCW.

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

27 (a) Supply, demand, costs, utilization technology, projections, and
28 forecasts;

29 (b) Comparative costs of alternative energy sources, uses, and
30 applications; and

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

34 (3) The office shall coordinate federal energy programs appropriate
35 for state-level implementation, carry out such energy programs as are
36 assigned to it by the governor or the legislature, and monitor
37 federally funded local energy programs as required by federal or state
38 regulations.

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

3 (5) The office shall provide assistance, space, and other support
4 as may be necessary for the activities of the state's two
5 representatives to the Pacific northwest electric power and
6 conservation planning council. To the extent consistent with federal
7 law, the office shall request that Washington's council members request
8 the administrator of the Bonneville power administration to reimburse
9 the state for the expenses associated with the support as provided in
10 the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act
11 (P.L. 96-501).

12 (6) The office shall cooperate with state agencies, other
13 governmental units, and private interests in the prioritization and
14 implementation of the state energy strategy elements and on other
15 energy matters.

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

19 (8) The office shall serve as the official state agency responsible
20 for ~~((coordination of energy related activities))~~ coordinating
21 implementation of the state energy strategy.

22 (9) No later than December 1, 1982, and by December 1st of each
23 even-numbered year thereafter, the office shall prepare and transmit to
24 the governor and the legislature a report on ~~((energy supply and~~
25 ~~demand, conservation, and other factors))~~ the implementation of the
26 state energy strategy and other important energy issues, as
27 appropriate.

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

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

34 (12) The office shall adopt rules, under chapter 34.05 RCW,
35 necessary to carry out the powers and duties enumerated in this
36 chapter.

37 (13) The office shall provide administrative assistance, space, and
38 other support as may be necessary for the activities of the energy
39 facility site evaluation council, as provided for in RCW 80.50.030.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21F RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The office shall review the state energy strategy as developed
4 under section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1991, periodically with the
5 guidance of an advisory committee. The advisory committee shall be
6 established by the director in consultation with the governor and the
7 chairs of the appropriate committees in the house of representatives
8 and senate. Advice and recommendations for revisions to the energy
9 strategy shall be conveyed by the office in a written report to the
10 governor and the legislature.

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