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**SENATE BILL 5838**

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1993 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5838** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Sutherland, Williams and Roach

Read first time 02/17/93. Referred to Committee on Energy & Utilities.

1            AN ACT Relating to energy siting review; creating new sections; and  
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that meeting future  
5 energy demands within the state will require the siting of new  
6 generating facilities, renewable resources, transmission facilities,  
7 and natural gas pipelines. The legislature further finds that current  
8 siting processes, designed to accommodate large thermal power plants,  
9 do not allow efficient development of current energy supply options.  
10 The legislature further finds that a comprehensive review and revision  
11 of siting policy is needed to ensure timely development of adequate,  
12 environmentally sound energy resources at an affordable cost.

13           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** There is created an energy siting process  
14 review committee. The committee shall review the siting processes  
15 currently applicable to energy facilities, including: (1) Major  
16 thermal power plants; (2) natural gas-fired combustion turbines; (3)  
17 cogeneration plants; (4) hydroelectric facilities; (5) other renewable  
18 resources, including wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass energy; (6)

1 natural gas pipelines; and (7) electric transmission lines. The  
2 committee shall recommend changes to statutes, rules, and policies that  
3 will reduce the cost and allow timely siting of new resources while  
4 preserving environmental quality, recognizing and ensuring coordination  
5 with applicable federal licensing and permitting authorities, promoting  
6 energy system reliability, allowing public review and comment, and  
7 ensuring an appropriate role for local government.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The energy siting process review committee  
9 shall consist of fifteen members, as follows:

10 (1) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate,  
11 appointed by the president of the senate;

12 (2) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
13 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of  
14 representatives; and

15 (3) Eleven members appointed by the governor, representing the  
16 following interests:

17 (a) One member representing cities;

18 (b) One member representing counties;

19 (c) One member representing publicly owned electric utilities;

20 (d) One member representing investor-owned electric utilities;

21 (e) One member representing natural gas local distribution  
22 utilities;

23 (f) One member representing natural gas pipeline companies;

24 (g) One member representing environmental organizations;

25 (h) One member representing independent power producers; and

26 (i) Three members representing citizens at large.

27 Members appointed by the governor shall represent the various  
28 geographical regions of the state.

29 The chairperson shall be selected by the governor from the citizen  
30 members of the committee.

31 Members appointed by the governor shall receive no compensation for  
32 their services but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided  
33 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative members shall be  
34 reimbursed for expenses as provided in RCW 44.04.120.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state energy office shall provide staff  
36 support to the energy siting process review committee.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The energy siting process review committee  
2 shall report its findings and recommendations, including proposed  
3 legislation, to the governor and appropriate standing committees of the  
4 legislature no later than December 1, 1993.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    This act shall expire June 30, 1994.

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