

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 6416

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UTILITY RATES--REDUCTION--LOW-INCOME CITIZENS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/13/02

Passed by the Senate February 11, 2002
YEAS 46 NAYS 2

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 8, 2002
YEAS 95 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6416** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK

Secretary

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

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State of Washington**

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By Senators Poulsen, Hewitt, Morton, Fraser, McAuliffe, Hale and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing public utility districts to define the
2 eligible group of low-income citizens to whom they may provide services
3 at reduced rates; and amending RCW 74.38.070.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.38.070 and 1998 c 300 s 8 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 ((~~1~~)) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any county,
8 city, town, public utility district or other municipal corporation, or
9 quasi municipal corporation providing utility services may provide such
10 services at reduced rates for low-income senior citizens or other low-
11 income citizens: PROVIDED, That, for the purposes of this section,
12 "low-income senior citizen" or "other low-income citizen" shall be
13 defined by appropriate ordinance or resolution adopted by the governing
14 body of the county, city, town, public utility district or other
15 municipal corporation, or quasi municipal corporation providing the
16 utility services (~~except as provided in subsection (2) of this~~
17 ~~section~~)). Any reduction in rates granted in whatever manner to low-
18 income senior citizens or other low-income citizens in one part of a

1 service area shall be uniformly extended to low-income senior citizens
2 or other low-income citizens in all other parts of the service area.

3 ~~((2) For purposes of implementing this section by any public
4 utility district, (a) "low income senior citizen" means a person who is
5 sixty two years of age or older and whose total income, including that
6 of his or her spouse or cotenant, does not exceed the amount specified
7 in RCW 84.36.381(5)(b), as now or hereafter amended and (b) "other low-
8 income citizen" means a person whose household income does not exceed
9 the amount specified in RCW 70.164.020(4).))~~

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