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Brief Description: Establishing the Washington climate and rural energy development center.

**HB 2326 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Authorizes the establishment of the Washington climate and rural energy development center under the auspices of the Washington State University energy program to serve as a central clearinghouse for all climate change activities in the state.

Designates the duties of the center.

Provides that the following agencies and programs will work with the center to assist with the duties under this act: The department of community, trade, and economic development, the department of ecology, the department of transportation, the department of health, the department of fish and wildlife, the department of agriculture, the department of natural resources, and the Washington State University energy program.

Authorizes the center to establish task forces and technical advisory committees composed of state and local agencies, businesses, labor groups, timber industry groups, agricultural groups, nonprofit organizations, university and college programs, and interested groups and citizens as necessary to assist in the duties in this act.