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Sponsor(s): Senators Poulsen, Jacobsen, Fraser, Morton, Regala and Kline

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

**SB 6619 - 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 and clean energy development activities in the state.

Provides that the center shall be funded through grants, voluntary cash and in-kind contributions, and any mandatory or voluntary fees and costs paid to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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.

Encourages all emitters of greenhouse gases to seek mitigation of their emissions.

Directs the center to publicize successful mitigation projects and efforts to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.