
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2897

State of Washington

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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Armstrong, Romero and Sullivan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the governor's powers to temporarily close
2 executive agencies; and adding a new section to chapter 43.06 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In the event of adverse weather conditions, natural disaster, or
7 energy emergency, the governor may, at his or her discretion, and for
8 the protection of public health, safety, or welfare, order any state
9 executive agency or individual agency office to temporarily cease
10 operation. The governor may permit state agencies locally or
11 throughout the state to delay opening, close early, or suspend
12 operation entirely. The governor's order shall be in effect until the
13 governor declares that the conditions no longer pose a significant risk
14 to the health or safety of state agency employees.

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