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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5053**

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**State of Washington**

**58th Legislature**

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**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Hale, McCaslin, Schmidt, Honeyford, Parlette, T. Sheldon, Hewitt, Johnson and Oke)

READ FIRST TIME 03/10/03.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring legislative authority for agencies to  
2 adopt rules that exceed federal standards; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 34.05 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 After January 1, 2004, no agency may adopt a rule that exceeds a  
8 federal standard without specific legislative authority. The  
9 legislature may grant such authority pursuant to a request by an  
10 agency. A requesting agency shall present to the appropriate standing  
11 committees of the house of representatives and the senate:

12 (1) A written justification detailing the unique reasons why  
13 Washington state policy must exceed federal policy; and

14 (2) A cost-benefit analysis that clearly outlines the economic  
15 impacts for Washington's business or other regulated entities.

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