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HOUSE BILL 2103

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the classification of hydroelectric power; and
- 2 creating new sections.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:
- 5 (1) Water is a clean and sustainable resource that produces clean, 6 efficient, and low-cost power;
 - (2) There is an increasing demand for clean and renewable power;
 - (3) Hydroelectric power is an abundant and reliable source of power with potential for growth;
- 10 (4) Hydroelectric power makes a valuable contribution to the state's electricity network and accounts for more than half of the state's overall fuel mix; and
- 13 (5) Hydroelectric power balances the needs of the environment with 14 the need for clean, nonpolluting, reliable, and abundant electricity 15 for the electrical market.
- 16 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** It is the policy of the state of Washington

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- 1 to recognize water as a renewable energy resource and to encourage the
- 2 use of hydroelectric power.

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