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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a Washington state energy efficiency
2 program road map; adding a new section to chapter 28B.30 RCW; creating
3 a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that energy efficiency
6 and conservation should be a priority for the state and its local
7 communities. The legislature recognizes that opportunities exist for
8 funding energy efficiency and conservation. In addition, there are
9 models from other jurisdictions for increasing energy efficiency and
10 conservation. It is the intent of the legislature that the Washington
11 State University energy program study these issues and create a
12 Washington state energy efficiency program road map.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.30 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) The Washington State University energy program must conduct a
16 study to create a Washington state energy efficiency program road map.
17 The study must:

- 1 (a) Evaluate the state's current efforts with respect to energy
2 efficiency and conservation;
- 3 (b) Evaluate the state's role in regional efforts to improve energy
4 efficiency and conservation;
- 5 (c) Evaluate the effectiveness of other jurisdictions with
6 established programs for funding energy efficiency and conservation;
- 7 (d) Evaluate methods for funding energy efficiency and
8 conservation;
- 9 (e) Identify areas where the state needs to increase energy
10 efficiency and conservation;
- 11 (f) Identify areas where the state could establish, expand, or fund
12 efforts related to energy efficiency and conservation;
- 13 (g) Identify methods and create recommended strategies to fund
14 energy efficiency and conservation in areas where increased efforts are
15 needed; and
- 16 (h) Create the Washington state energy efficiency program road map
17 containing recommended steps to be taken by the state, local
18 governments, the Washington State University energy program, and other
19 interested parties to establish, fund, and expand energy efficiency and
20 conservation.
- 21 (2) In conducting the study to create the Washington state energy
22 efficiency program road map, the Washington State University energy
23 program may consult with the following:
- 24 (a) Representatives from all state agencies that deal with energy
25 issues;
- 26 (b) Representatives from public utility districts;
- 27 (c) Representatives from electric utilities regulated by the
28 utilities and transportation commission;
- 29 (d) A representative from a private industry engaged in business
30 related to energy efficiency and conservation;
- 31 (e) A representative from an environmental organization;
- 32 (f) A representative of energy users including commercial,
33 industrial, and residential users; and
- 34 (g) A representative from a regional organization involved in
35 energy planning and distribution.
- 36 (3) The Washington State University energy program must report
37 results and provide the Washington state energy efficiency program road

1 map to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature
2 by December 31, 2007.

3 (4) This section expires January 31, 2008.

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