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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1038** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

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State of Washington**

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By Representatives Morris, Hudgins, Anderson, Moeller and B. Sullivan

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Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to developing regional compacts for siting electric
2 transmission lines; adding a new section to chapter 80.50 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.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 create a regional process for the siting of new electric transmission
7 lines related to the national energy policy act of 2005. This regional
8 process will facilitate the siting of new cross borders electric
9 transmission lines by providing a "one stop" licensing process. This
10 act calls for the creation of a legislative task force to establish an
11 interstate compact to assert jurisdiction over national interest
12 electric transmission corridors.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.50 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1)(a) A legislative task force on national interest electric
16 transmission corridors is established, with members as provided in this
17 subsection.

1 (i) The chair and the ranking minority member from the senate
2 water, energy and telecommunications committee or their designees;

3 (ii) The chair and the ranking minority member from the house of
4 representatives technology, energy and communications committee or
5 their designees;

6 (iii) The governor shall appoint five members representing the
7 energy facility site evaluation council, local governments, resource
8 agencies, or other persons with appropriate expertise.

9 (b) The task force shall choose its cochairs representing the
10 senate and house of representatives from among its legislative
11 membership.

12 (2)(a) The task force shall negotiate the terms of an interstate
13 compact that establishes a regional process for siting national
14 interest electric transmission corridors satisfactory to the national
15 energy policy act of 2005.

16 (b) In negotiating the terms of the compact, the task force shall
17 ensure that the compact reflects as close as possible the Washington
18 state energy facility site evaluation council model under this chapter
19 and its procedures to ensure appropriate adjudicative proceedings and
20 mitigation of environmental impacts.

21 (c) The task force shall negotiate the terms of the compact through
22 processes established and supported by the Pacific Northwest economic
23 region for which the state of Washington is a party as referenced in
24 RCW 43.147.010.

25 (3) Staff support for the task force members shall be provided from
26 respective committees and appropriate agencies appointed by the
27 governor.

28 (4) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
29 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
30 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
31 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
32 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

33 (5) The task force shall report its preliminary recommendations on
34 the compact to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January
35 1, 2008.

36 (6) The task force shall report its final recommendations on the
37 compact to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September

1 1, 2008.

2 (7) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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