

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5724**

Chapter 281, Laws of 2009

61st Legislature  
2009 Regular Session

GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY--BIOMASS ENERGY--RENEWABLE RESOURCE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/26/09

Passed by the Senate April 20, 2009  
YEAS 47 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 8, 2009  
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 29, 2009, 10:46 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5724** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Environment, Water & Energy (originally sponsored by Senator Pridemore)

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1            AN ACT Relating to electricity from biomass energy that is a  
2 renewable resource; and adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) Any county legislative authority of a  
5 county where a public utility district owns and operates a plant or  
6 system for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric  
7 energy for sale within the county may construct, purchase, acquire,  
8 operate, and maintain a facility to generate electricity from biomass  
9 energy that is a renewable resource under RCW 19.285.030 or from  
10 biomass energy that is produced from lignin in spent pulping liquors or  
11 liquors derived from algae and other sources. The county legislative  
12 authority has the authority to regulate and control the use,  
13 distribution, sale, and price of the electricity produced from the  
14 biomass facility authorized under this section.

15            (2) For the purposes of this section:

16            (a) "County legislative authority" means the board of county  
17 commissioners or the county council; and

18            (b) "Public utility district" means a municipal corporation formed  
19 under chapter 54.08 RCW.

1        NEW\_SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    Section 1 of this act constitutes a new  
2 chapter in Title 36 RCW.

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