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SENATE BILL 6044

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By Senator Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to the supply of water by public utility districts  
2 bordered by the Columbia river to be used in, or power from, pumped  
3 storage projects; adding a new section to chapter 54.16 RCW; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the  
9 contrary, a public utility district bordered by the Columbia river may  
10 supply any electric energy from a pumped storage generating facility or  
11 water under its control to be used in a pumped storage generating  
12 facility to any entity that sells electric energy or water, directly or  
13 indirectly, to the public, and contracts therefor must extend over the  
14 period of years and contain the terms and conditions for the sale  
15 thereof as the commission of the public utility district elects. Such  
16 a contract may only be made pursuant to resolution of the commission  
17 authorizing such a contract, and the resolution must be introduced at  
18 a meeting of the commission at least ten days prior to the date of the

1 adoption of the resolution. However, the commission shall first make  
2 adequate provision for the needs of the public utility district, both  
3 actual and prospective.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
7 immediately.

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