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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Johnson, Morris, Short, Wylie, Smith, McCabe, Nealey, Tarleton, Tharinger, and Van De Wege

AN ACT Relating to allowing public utility districts to produce and sell renewable natural gas; and amending RCW 54.04.190.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 54.04.190 and 2007 c 348 s 210 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) In addition to any other authority provided by law, public utility districts are authorized to produce and distribute biodiesel, ethanol, and ethanol blend fuels, including entering into crop purchase contracts for a dedicated energy crop for the purpose of generating electricity or producing biodiesel produced from Washington feedstocks, cellulosic ethanol, and cellulosic ethanol blend fuels for use in internal operations of the electric utility and for sale or distribution.

(2)(a) Public utility districts are authorized to produce renewable natural gas and utilize the renewable natural gas that they produce for internal operations and for sale. Public utility districts are not authorized to own or operate natural gas distribution pipeline systems used to serve retail customers. Interconnection pipes that connect a public utility district's production facilities to gas transmission pipelines are considered production facilities and are not considered distribution pipeline systems used to serve retail customers.

(b) For the purposes of this subsection, "renewable natural gas" means a gas consisting largely of methane and other hydrocarbons derived from the decomposition of organic materials in landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, and anaerobic digesters.

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