

**3SHB 1257 - H AMD 447**

By Representative Walsh

**NOT ADOPTED 03/29/2019**

1 On page 23, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27A  
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The building owner of a covered commercial building that is  
5 located in a rural county is exempt from the requirements of section  
6 3 of this act.

7 (2) A qualifying utility that is located in a rural county is  
8 exempt from the requirements of section 6 of this act.

9 (3) An electric or gas utility that is not a qualifying utility  
10 and that is located in a rural county is exempt from the requirements  
11 of RCW 19.27A.170.

12 (4) For the purposes of this section, "rural county" means a  
13 county with a population density of less than one hundred persons per  
14 square mile or a county smaller than two hundred twenty-five square  
15 miles as determined by the office of financial management and  
16 published each year by the department for the period July 1st to June  
17 30th.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** A new section is added to chapter 19.27  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 (1) Buildings that are located in rural counties are exempt from  
21 the requirements of RCW 19.27.540.

22 (2) For the purposes of this section, "rural county" means a  
23 county with a population density of less than one hundred persons per  
24 square mile or a county smaller than two hundred twenty-five square  
25 miles as determined by the office of financial management and  
26 published each year by the department of commerce for the period July  
27 1st to June 30th."

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Exempts owners of covered commercial buildings that are located in rural counties from the State Energy Performance Standard.

Exempts qualifying utilities that are located in rural counties from the requirement to participate in the State Energy Performance Standard Early Adoption Incentive Program. Exempts electric and gas utilities that are not qualifying utilities and that are located in rural counties from the requirement to provide certain energy benchmarking information. Exempts buildings located in rural counties from certain electric vehicle infrastructure requirements under the State Building Code.

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