

HB 2594 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5007.1/20) **1613**

By Representative Boehnke

1 On page 1, line 26, after "act," insert "at the time at which
2 and"

3 On page 2, after line 19, insert the following:

4 **"Sec. 4.** 2019 c 288 s 23 (uncodified) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) By January 1, 2020, the department of commerce must convene
7 an energy and climate policy advisory committee to develop
8 recommendations to the legislature for the coordination of existing
9 resources, or the establishment of new ones, for the purposes of
10 examining the costs and benefits of energy-related policies,
11 programs, functions, activities, and incentives on an on-going basis
12 and conducting other energy-related studies and analyses as may be
13 directed by the legislature. The advisory committee must consider the
14 establishment of a publicly accessible, statewide digital repository
15 of utility and energy supply data including, but not limited to, the
16 cost and rate increase data disclosed by electric and natural gas
17 utilities under sections 2 and 3, chapter . . . , Laws of 2020
18 (sections 2 and 3 of this act).

19 (2) The advisory committee convened under this section must
20 consist of, at minimum, representatives of each the state's public
21 four-year institutions of higher education, the Pacific Northwest
22 National Laboratory, and the Washington state institute for public
23 policy.

24 (3) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
25 specific purpose, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
26 department of commerce must submit its recommendations in a report to
27 the legislature by December 31, 2020.

28 (4) This section expires January 1, 2021."

29 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Specifies that the rate increase notice issued by electric utilities must include a brief, plain language statement of an estimate of increased rates attributable to the Washington clean energy transformation act at the time at which such information can be reasonably determined. Requires the energy and climate policy advisory committee convened by the department of commerce under the Washington clean energy transformation act to consider the establishment of a publicly accessible, statewide digital repository of utility and energy supply data including, but not limited to, the cost and rate increase data disclosed by electric and natural gas utilities.

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