
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6726

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By Senate Committee on Energy, Telecommunications & Utilities
(originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Spanel and Thibaudeau)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the utilities and transportation commission;
2 adding a new section to chapter 80.04 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that large-scale
5 downsizings, mergers, or work force reductions by public utility
6 suppliers, such as electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and water
7 companies can have a substantial impact in the quality of utility
8 service and add to family stress. The legislature further finds that
9 it is in the public interest for the utilities and transportation
10 commission to review and comment on these potential impacts prior to
11 major large-scale mergers or work force reductions.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.04 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 A public service company is required to notify the commission sixty
15 days prior to a work force reduction of one hundred or more employees.
16 Within thirty days of the notification, the commission shall review the
17 potential impact of the work force reduction on the quality of utility
18 service provided to communities, businesses, individuals, and state and

- 1 local governments served by the public service company, and submit its
- 2 findings to the public service company and interested parties.

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