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BILL REQ. #: S-4553.1/02

ATTY/TYPIST: KB:ads

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 HJM 4023 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Environment, Energy & Water

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5 On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike the remainder of the bill  
6 and insert the following:

7 "TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
8 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO GOVERNOR TOM RIDGE,  
11 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY:

12 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of  
13 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully  
14 represent and petition as follows:

15 WHEREAS, The State of Washington's economy is dependent upon  
16 numerous critical infrastructures, many of which are owned and operated  
17 by the private sector and many of which are located on or pass through  
18 land controlled by local, state, tribal, federal, provincial,  
19 aboriginal, and territorial governments; and

20 WHEREAS, These critical infrastructures are highly complex and  
21 interdependent, such that disruptions by natural disaster or by  
22 terrorist attack may lead to cascading and escalating effects on other  
23 critical infrastructures; and

24 WHEREAS, Bonneville Power Administration, which provides the  
25 backbone of our region's electrical power system, has led the nation in  
26 emergency preparedness and risk assessment; and

27 WHEREAS, Over eighty percent of our natural gas supply is imported  
28 from Canada, and our electrical grid system is highly integrated with  
29 BC Hydro; and

30 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region has launched the  
31 first multistate, binational Partnership for Regional Infrastructure  
32 Security, bringing over one hundred twenty public and private  
33 stakeholders to address interdependency issues and work toward an  
34 action plan for a "disaster resistant" region; and

35 WHEREAS, The Canadian Federal Office of Critical Infrastructure  
36 Protection and Emergency Preparedness has agreed to support a

1 binational exercise addressing the interdependencies between adjacent  
2 states, provinces, and northwest territories; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Office of Critical Infrastructure  
4 Protection and the Homeland Security Department have announced their  
5 interest in doing a binational regional exercise with Canada;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully communicate their  
7 support of such an exercise being held in the Pacific Northwest under  
8 the auspices of PNWER to develop an action plan for regional  
9 infrastructure security.

10 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
11 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United  
12 States, Governor Tom Ridge, Director of the Office of Homeland  
13 Security, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
14 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of  
15 Washington."

EFFECT: (1) Recognizes that many critical infrastructures run through multiple jurisdictions, including tribal lands, that can exert control over the facilities.

(2) Corrects reference to a binational exercise so that it includes adjacent states, provinces, and northwest territories, rather than just border states and provinces.

(3) Changes the reference to BPA as the backbone of our state's electrical power system to the backbone of our region's electrical power system.

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