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1 AN ACT Relating to meetings governed by the open public meetings
2 act; and amending RCW 42.30.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.020 and 1985 c 366 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 As used in this chapter unless the context indicates otherwise:

7 (1) "Public agency" means:

8 (a) Any state board, commission, committee, department, educational
9 institution, or other state agency which is created by or pursuant to
10 statute, other than courts and the legislature;

11 (b) Any county, city, school district, special purpose district, or
12 other municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state of
13 Washington;

14 (c) Any subagency of a public agency which is created by or
15 pursuant to statute, ordinance, or other legislative act, including but
16 not limited to planning commissions, library or park boards,
17 commissions, and agencies;

18 (d) Any policy group whose membership includes representatives of
19 publicly owned utilities formed by or pursuant to the laws of this

1 state when meeting together as or on behalf of participants who have
2 contracted for the output of generating plants being planned or built
3 by an operating agency.

4 (2) "Governing body" means the multimember board, commission,
5 committee, council, or other policy or rule-making body of a public
6 agency, or any committee thereof when the committee acts on behalf of
7 the governing body, conducts hearings, or takes testimony or public
8 comment.

9 (3) "Action" means the transaction of the official business of a
10 public agency by a governing body including but not limited to receipt
11 of public testimony, deliberations, discussions, considerations,
12 reviews, evaluations, and final actions. "Final action" means a
13 collective positive or negative decision, or an actual vote by a
14 majority of the members of a governing body when sitting as a body or
15 entity, upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance.

16 (4) "Meeting" means ~~((meetings at which action is taken))~~ a
17 gathering of a majority of the members of a governing body where they
18 convene in person, by telephone, or by any electronic means to hear,
19 deliberate, or take action on the business or affairs of the agency or
20 body. Electronic or telephone meetings are subject to the notice
21 requirements of this chapter.

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