
HOUSE BILL 2230

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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of cable television on islands;
2 adding new sections to chapter 80.54 RCW; creating a new section;
3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many island
6 residents are unable to obtain cable television at any price and that
7 some cable television companies refuse to provide cable services simply
8 because of the low resident population density of islands. The
9 legislature further finds that information and entertainment provided
10 by the cable television companies are important to the welfare of
11 island residents.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 80.54 RCW
13 to read as follows:

1 A cable television company offering cable television hook-ups to
2 one or more island residents shall offer at a reasonable cost the same
3 service to all island residents.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 80.54 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Section 2 of this act shall be enforced by the commission. The
7 commission is hereby authorized to assess an amount sufficient to carry
8 out the provisions of this section upon all cable television companies
9 doing business in this state.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
13 effect July 1, 1991.