

1 **SB 5838** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4-12-93**

2 By Committee on Energy & Utilities

3 On page 1, strike everything after the enacting clause and
4 insert the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that meeting
6 future energy demands within the state will require the siting of
7 new generating facilities, renewable resources, transmission
8 facilities, and natural gas pipelines. The legislature further
9 finds that current siting processes, designed to accommodate large
10 thermal power plants, do not allow efficient development of current
11 energy supply options. The legislature further finds that a
12 comprehensive review and revision of siting policy is needed to
13 ensure timely development of adequate, environmentally sound energy
14 resources at an affordable cost.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is created an energy siting
16 process review committee. The committee shall review the siting
17 processes currently applicable to energy facilities, including:
18 (1) Major thermal power plants; (2) natural gas-fired combustion
19 turbines; (3) cogeneration plants; (4) hydroelectric facilities;
20 (5) other renewable resources, including wind, solar, geothermal,
21 and biomass energy; (6) natural gas pipelines; and (7) electric
22 transmission lines. The committee shall recommend changes to
23 statutes, rules, and policies that will reduce the cost and allow
24 timely siting of new resources while preserving environmental
25 quality, recognizing and ensuring coordination with applicable
26 federal licensing and permitting authorities, promoting energy
27 system reliability, allowing public review and comment, and
28 ensuring an appropriate role for local government.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The energy siting process review
2 committee shall consist of fifteen members, as follows:

3 (1) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the
4 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

5 (2) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the
6 house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
7 representatives; and

8 (3) Eleven members appointed by the governor, representing the
9 following interests:

- 10 (a) One member representing cities;
- 11 (b) One member representing counties;
- 12 (c) One member representing publicly owned electric utilities;
- 13 (d) One member representing investor-owned electric utilities;
- 14 (e) One member representing natural gas local distribution
15 utilities;
- 16 (f) One member representing natural gas pipeline companies;
- 17 (g) One member representing environmental organizations;
- 18 (h) One member representing independent power producers; and
- 19 (i) Three members representing citizens at large.

20 Members appointed by the governor shall represent the various
21 geographical regions of the state.

22 The chairperson shall be selected by the governor from the
23 citizen members of the committee.

24 Members appointed by the governor shall receive no
25 compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for travel
26 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative
27 members shall be reimbursed for expenses as provided in RCW
28 44.04.120.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state energy office shall provide
30 staff support to the energy siting process review committee.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The energy siting process review
2 committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including
3 proposed legislation, to the governor and appropriate standing
4 committees of the legislature no later than December 1, 1993.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act shall expire June 30, 1994."

EFFECT: The amendment increases the membership of the committee to fifteen by (1) replacing the member representing local governments with one member representing cities and another representing counties, (2) replacing the member representing electric utilities with one member representing publicly-owned electric utilities and another representing privately-owned electric utilities and (3) replacing the member representing natural gas utilities with one member representing local distribution gas utilities and one member representing natural gas pipeline companies.

The amendment clarifies that legislative members are to represent the four caucuses and that gubernatorial appointees are to represent the various geographic regions of the state.

The amendment adds the timely siting, recognition of federal licensing and permitting authorities, and energy system reliability to the list of areas the committee is to study and about which the committee is to submit recommendations.

Technical language is included to clarify payment of travel expenses for committee members.