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By Committee on Energy & Utilities

On page 2, beginning on line 3, strike all of subsection 1 and insert the following:

(1) Except to increase the number of electronic kiosks in rural counties, the department shall not expend any funds to increase the number of electronic kiosks in the Washington information network.

This section does not prohibit the department from expending funds to maintain or operate the currently deployed electronic kiosks on an interim basis as it develops electronic information access services through technologies that the department deems more efficient and cost-effective.

For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (a) Rural counties— means counties with populations of fewer than one hundred thousand.
- (b) Electronic kiosks— means public electronic access terminals, similar to those deployed on the effective date of this section, that rely on dedicated circuits and that do not provide for internet connectivity or financial transactions.—

**EFFECT:** Allows the DIS to increase the number of kiosks in counties with populations of fewer than 100,000.

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