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By Representatives Poulsen, Morris, Ruderman, O'Brien, Schual-Berke and McIntire

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1 AN ACT Relating to developing geothermal energy; amending RCW
2 43.140.900; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that potential
5 geothermal energy has remained largely undeveloped in the Cascade
6 mountains. It is in the best interest of the state of Washington and
7 its residents to develop this resource where there are not significant
8 environmental issues. The legislature further finds that most of this
9 potential rests on United States forest service lands and that it has
10 been very reluctant for two decades to process geothermal leases.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington State University energy
12 program shall actively engage the United States forest service to
13 eliminate barriers to geothermal energy and to resolve issues.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.140.900 and 1991 c 76 s 1 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

1 This chapter shall terminate on June 30, (~~2001~~) 2011.

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