
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5980

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Financial Institutions
(originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Winsley and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fair competition in motor fuel marketing; and
2 creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The senate committee on labor, commerce, and
5 financial institutions and the house committee on commerce and labor
6 shall cause an interim joint study to be performed regarding the
7 possibility that below-cost sales of petroleum may have an
8 anticompetitive effect. The interim study shall examine petroleum
9 marketing practices and evaluate whether and to what extent below-cost
10 sales may constitute deceptive advertising, unfair competition, or
11 other anticompetitive effects. The study shall also research whether
12 such below-cost sales promote bankruptcies, unemployment, and other
13 economic dislocation in the areas in which they occur.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The joint interim study shall report its
15 findings to the committees set forth in section 1 of this act on or
16 before December 1, 2001.

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