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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6355**

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**By** Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Poulsen, Finkbeiner, Franklin, Morton, Deccio, Fraser and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the authority to request the utilities  
2 and transportation commission to approve low-income discounts for  
3 electric or gas services; and amending RCW 80.28.068.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 80.28.068 and 1999 c 62 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Upon request by an electrical or gas company, the commission may  
8 approve rates, charges, services, and/or physical facilities at a  
9 discount for low-income senior customers and low-income customers. The  
10 attorney general may also file a request for such a discount program if  
11 the company does not have an existing program approved under this  
12 section. Expenses and lost revenues as a result of these discounts  
13 shall be included in the company's cost of service and recovered in  
14 rates to other customers by means of a charge set forth in a separate  
15 schedule to the company's tariffs. The filing of a request under this  
16 section shall not constitute a general rate increase filing as defined

1 in WAC 480-09-310, nor shall it preclude any general complaint filing  
2 as provided for in this title.

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