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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Select Committee on Community Security (originally sponsored by Representatives Simpson, Conway, Morris, Cooper, Schmidt, Kirby, Lovick, Wood, Haigh, Kenney, Chase, Schual-Berke and Jackley; by request of Governor Locke and Attorney General)

Brief Description: Prohibiting price gouging during significant disruption, emergency, or disaster.

**HB 2419-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/02)

Finds that consumers are vulnerable to price gouging or clearly excessive pricing during times of abnormal market conditions caused by significant disruptions, emergencies, or disasters.

Declares that excessive and unjustified increases in retail prices charged during abnormal market conditions as defined in this act should be prohibited and made subject to civil remedies.