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Sponsor(s): 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 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, in order to prevent any party from unjust enrichment at the expense of people and to prevent victimization of people and communities vulnerable to price gouging or clearly excessive pricing practices during times of abnormal market conditions caused by significant disruptions, emergencies, or disasters, the legislature declares that the public interest requires that price gouging or clearly excessive pricing be prohibited and made subject to civil penalties.