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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Eide, Patterson, Fraser, Regala, Kline, Spanel, Kohl-Welles, Roach and Winsley; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Description: Exempting wind, fuel cells, biomass waste, or solar energy electric generating facilities from sales and use taxes.

**SB 5541-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 4/09/01)

Declares that the tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 shall not apply to sales of machinery and equipment used directly in generating electricity using wind, fuel cells, biomass waste, sun, or landfill gas as the principal source of power, or to sales of or charges made for labor and services rendered in respect to installing such machinery and equipment, but only if the purchaser develops with such machinery, equipment, and labor a facility capable of generating not less than two hundred watts of electricity and provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

Expires June 30, 2009.

Declares that the provisions of chapter 82.12 RCW shall not apply with respect to machinery and equipment used directly in generating not less than two hundred watts of electricity using wind, fuel cells, biomass waste, sun, or landfill gas as the principal source of power.

Expires June 30, 2009.

Creates the joint committee on energy shortages of the legislature of the state of Washington.