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By Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water

1 Beginning on page 1, after line 8, strike all material through
2 "Washington." on page 2, line 22, and insert the following:

3 "WHEREAS, The State of Washington's economy is dependent upon
4 numerous critical infrastructures, many of which are owned and operated
5 by the private sector; and

6 WHEREAS, These critical infrastructures are highly complex and
7 interdependent, such that disruptions by natural disaster or by
8 terrorist attack may lead to cascading and escalating effects on other
9 critical infrastructures; and

10 WHEREAS, Bonneville Power Administration, which provides the
11 backbone of our state's electrical power system, has led the nation in
12 emergency preparedness and risk assessment; and

13 WHEREAS, Over eighty percent of our natural gas supply is imported
14 from Canada, and our electrical grid system is highly integrated with
15 BC Hydro; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region has launched the
17 first multistate, binational Partnership for Regional Infrastructure
18 Security, bringing over one hundred twenty public and private
19 stakeholders to address interdependency issues and work toward an
20 action plan for a "disaster resistant" region; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pacific Northwest Economic Region completed the first
22 binational critical infrastructure desktop exercise called Blue
23 Cascades; and

24 WHEREAS, The Blue Cascades exercise identified numerous areas of
25 concern in critical infrastructure cascading effects;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully communicate their
27 support for the United States Department of Homeland Security to review
28 the key findings of the Blue Cascades exercise for regional
29 infrastructure security, to consider an action plan, and to provide
30 adequate funding to the State of Washington for any required
31 implementation actions.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
2 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
3 States, Tom Ridge, Secretary-Designate of the Department of Homeland
4 Security, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
6 Washington."

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