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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5348**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Environment (originally sponsored by Senators Pridemore, Kastama, Fraser and Kline)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/05.

1       AN ACT Relating to maintenance and repair of electrical appliances  
2 by a public utility district; adding a new section to chapter 54.16  
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to avoid  
6 unnecessary hardships on the citizens of a community by recognizing the  
7 traditional appliance repair services that have been offered for many  
8 years by any public utility district described in section 2 of this  
9 act.

10       The legislature understands that some of these services improve the  
11 energy efficiency of the appliance repaired, which helps citizens save  
12 money and energy as well as extending the life of the appliance.

13       The legislature recognizes these historic services coexist with the  
14 private sector without creating aggressive competition between public  
15 and private enterprises.

16       It is the intent of the legislature to have these services be  
17 financially self-supporting and not be subsidized by any other customer  
18 rate structures.

1 Public utility districts affected by this act are encouraged to  
2 continue to work collaboratively with the private sector in providing  
3 these services.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Any public utility district that has operated an electrical  
7 appliance repair service for at least ten years prior to the effective  
8 date of this act, may continue to operate an electrical appliance  
9 repair service within its service territory.

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