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1 AN ACT Relating to making it state policy that state agencies
2 reduce energy purchases; and amending RCW 43.21F.015.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21F.015 and 1994 c 207 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 It is the policy of the state of Washington that:

7 (1) The development and use of a diverse array of energy resources
8 with emphasis on renewable energy resources shall be encouraged;

9 (2) The supply of energy shall be sufficient to insure the health
10 and economic welfare of its citizens;

11 (3) The development and use of energy resources shall be consistent
12 with the statutory environmental policies of the state;

13 (4) Energy conservation and elimination of wasteful and uneconomic
14 uses of energy and materials shall be encouraged, and this conservation
15 should include, but is not limited to, resource recovery and materials
16 recycling;

17 (5) By September 1, 2009, state agencies shall reduce energy
18 purchases by fifteen percent from fiscal year 2005, using all

1 practicable, cost-effective means available, including energy
2 efficiency programs and the use of on-site renewable resources.

3 (a) By September 1st of each year, state agencies shall report
4 their energy used in the previous fiscal year to the department of
5 general administration.

6 (b) For the purposes of this subsection, the following definitions
7 apply:

8 (i) "State agency" means every state office or department, whether
9 elective or appointive, state institutions of higher education, and all
10 boards, commissions, or divisions of state government, however
11 designated.

12 (ii) "Energy" means: Petroleum or other liquid fuels; natural or
13 synthetic fuel gas; solid carbonaceous fuels; fissionable nuclear
14 material; electricity; solar radiation; geothermal resources;
15 hydropower; organic waste products; wind; tidal activity; any other
16 substance or process used to produce heat, light, or motion; or the
17 savings from nongeneration technologies, including conservation or
18 improved efficiency in the usage of any of the sources described in
19 this subsection;

20 (6) In energy emergency shortage situations, energy requirements to
21 maintain the public health, safety, and welfare shall be given priority
22 in the allocation of energy resources, and citizens and industry shall
23 be assisted in adjusting to the limited availability of energy in order
24 to minimize adverse impacts on their physical, social, and economic
25 well being;

26 ((+6+)) (7) State government shall provide a source of impartial
27 and objective information in order that this energy policy may be
28 enhanced; and

29 ((+7+)) (8) The state energy strategy shall provide primary
30 guidance for implementation of the state's energy policy.

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