

HB 1895-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent to utilize lessons learned from efforts to conserve energy usage in single state buildings or complexes and extend conservation measures across all levels of government. Implementing conservation measures across all levels of government will create actual energy conservation savings, maintenance and cost savings to state and local governments, and savings to the state economy, which depends on affordable, realizable electricity to retain jobs.

Declares an intent that conservation measures be identified and aggregated within a government entity or among multiple government entities to maximize energy savings and project efficiencies.

Authorizes municipalities to conduct energy audits and implement cost-effective energy conservation measures among multiple government entities.

Requires all municipalities to report to the department if they implemented or did not implement, during the previous biennium, cost-effective energy conservation measures aggregated among multiple government entities. The reports must be submitted to the department by September 1, 2007, and by September 1, 2009.

Requires the department to prepare a report summarizing the reports submitted by municipalities under this act and report to the committee by December 31, 2007, and by December 31, 2009.

Provides that financing to implement conservation measures, including fees charged by the department, may be carried out with bonds issued by the Washington economic development finance authority under chapter 43.163 RCW.