

**HB 2351 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent to establish a goal of encouraging the construction and development of renewable energy in the state of Washington to meet increasing demands for affordable and reliable electricity. Since electricity supply may lag behind electricity demand, the result may be a sharp increase in electricity prices.

Finds that it is desirable to shorten the time it takes to bring new electricity generation to market. Washington is a leader in the development of renewable energy technologies and the legislature acknowledges that encouraging the development of renewable technologies in meeting increased electricity demand will create jobs for Washington's citizens.