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HOUSE BILL 2801

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By Representatives Chase, Hunt, and Eickmeyer

Read first time 01/16/08.      Referred to Committee on Technology,  
Energy & Communications.

1            AN ACT Relating to studying the feasibility of achieving zero net  
2 energy buildings in the state; amending RCW 44.39.038; and providing an  
3 expiration date.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 44.39.038 and 1977 ex.s. c 14 s 13 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7            (1) The ((senate and house committees on energy and utilities))  
8 committee shall ((make continuing studies of the state building code as  
9 it relates to energy consumption, conservation and retention and shall  
10 submit their recommendations concerning such to the legislature  
11 periodically)) study the following issues related to the state energy  
12 code:

13            (a) The estimated efficiency gains made as a result of the 2006  
14 updates to the state energy code; and

15            (b) The feasibility of the state achieving zero net energy  
16 residential buildings by 2020 and zero net energy commercial buildings  
17 by 2030.

18            (2) In conducting its review, the committee shall consider other  
19 state approaches in achieving zero net energy buildings.

1       (3) The committee, where appropriate, may consult with individuals  
2 from the public and private sector or ask such individuals to establish  
3 an advisory committee. Members of such an advisory committee are not  
4 entitled to expense reimbursement.

5       (4) Staff support for the study must be provided by the senate  
6 committee services and the house office of program research.

7       (5) Legislative members of the committee shall be reimbursed for  
8 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
9 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
10 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
11 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

12       (6) The expenses of the study must be paid jointly by the senate  
13 and the house of representatives. Expenditures are subject to approval  
14 by the senate facilities and operations committee and the house  
15 executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

16       (7) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to  
17 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
18 December 1, 2008.

19       (8) This section expires July 1, 2009.

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