

**HB 1929 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds and declares that offset contracts and other greenhouse gas mitigation efforts are a recognized utility purpose that confers a direct benefit on the utility's ratepayers. The legislature declares that this act is intended to reverse the result of *Okeson v. City of Seattle* (2007) by expressly granting municipal-owned utilities and public utility districts the statutory authority to engage in mitigation activities to offset their utility's impact on the environment.