

**SSB 5724** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Any county legislative authority of a  
4 county where a public utility district owns and operates a plant or  
5 system for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric  
6 energy for sale within the county may construct, purchase, acquire,  
7 operate, and maintain a facility to generate electricity from biomass  
8 energy that is a renewable resource under RCW 19.285.030 or from  
9 biomass energy that is produced from lignin in spent pulping liquors or  
10 liquors derived from algae and other sources. The county legislative  
11 authority has the authority to regulate and control the use,  
12 distribution, sale, and price of the electricity produced from the  
13 biomass facility authorized under this section.

14 (2) For the purposes of this section:

15 (a) "County legislative authority" means the board of county  
16 commissioners or the county council; and

17 (b) "Public utility district" means a municipal corporation formed  
18 under chapter 54.08 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act constitutes a new  
20 chapter in Title 36 RCW."

21 Correct the title.

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