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1 AN ACT Relating to energy conservation loans; and amending RCW
2 54.16.280 and 87.03.017.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 54.16.280 and 2002 c 276 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Any district is hereby authorized, within limits established by the
7 Constitution of the state of Washington, to assist the owners of
8 structures or equipment in financing the acquisition and installation
9 of materials and equipment, for compensation or otherwise, for the
10 conservation or more efficient use of energy in such structures or
11 equipment pursuant to an energy conservation plan adopted by the
12 district if the cost per unit of energy saved or produced by the use of
13 such materials and equipment is less than the cost per unit of energy
14 produced by the next least costly new energy resource which the
15 district could acquire to meet future demand. Any financing authorized
16 under this chapter shall only be used for conservation purposes in
17 existing structures, and such financing shall not be used for any
18 purpose which results in a conversion from one energy source to
19 another. For the purposes of this section, "conservation purposes in

1 existing structures" may include projects to allow a district's
2 customers to generate all or a portion of their own electricity through
3 the on-site installation of a distributed electricity generation system
4 that uses as its fuel solar, wind, geothermal, or hydropower, or other
5 renewable resource that is available on-site and not from a commercial
6 source. Such projects shall not be considered "a conversion from one
7 energy source to another" which is limited to the change or
8 substitution of one commercial energy supplier for another commercial
9 energy supplier. Except where otherwise authorized, such assistance
10 shall be limited to:

11 (1) Providing an inspection of the structure or equipment, either
12 directly or through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine
13 and inform the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing
14 conservation materials and equipment for which financial assistance
15 will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings in energy costs
16 that are likely to result from the installation of such materials or
17 equipment;

18 (2) Providing a list of businesses who sell and install such
19 materials and equipment within or in close proximity to the service
20 area of the district, each of which businesses shall have requested to
21 be included and shall have the ability to provide the products in a
22 workmanlike manner and to utilize such materials in accordance with the
23 prevailing national standard(~~(s-)~~);

24 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation materials and equipment
25 installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to the owner
26 of the residential structure and verifying such installation; (~~and~~)

27 (4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and
28 installation of approved conservation materials and equipment. Such
29 materials and equipment shall be purchased from a private business and
30 shall be installed by a private business or the owner(~~(-)~~); and

31 (5) Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the
32 utility bill, billed either together with use charge or separately.
33 Loans shall not exceed (~~(one)~~) two hundred (~~(twenty)~~) forty months in
34 length.

35 **Sec. 2.** RCW 87.03.017 and 1982 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

37 Any irrigation district engaged in the distribution of energy is

1 hereby authorized, within limits established by the Constitution of the
2 state of Washington, to assist the owners of residential structures in
3 financing the acquisition and installation of materials and equipment,
4 for compensation or otherwise, for the conservation or more efficient
5 use of energy in such structures pursuant to an energy conservation
6 plan adopted by the irrigation district if the cost per unit of energy
7 saved or produced by the use of such materials and equipment is less
8 than the cost per unit of energy produced by the next least costly new
9 energy resource which the irrigation district could acquire to meet
10 future demand. Except where otherwise authorized, such assistance
11 shall be limited to:

12 (1) Providing an inspection of the residential structure, either
13 directly or through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine
14 and inform the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing
15 conservation materials and equipment for which financial assistance
16 will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings in energy costs
17 that are likely to result from the installation of such materials or
18 equipment.

19 (2) Providing a list of businesses who sell and install such
20 materials and equipment within or in close proximity to the service
21 area of the irrigation district, each of which businesses shall have
22 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the
23 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize such materials in
24 accordance with the prevailing national standards.

25 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation materials and equipment
26 installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to the owner
27 of the residential structure and verifying such installation.

28 (4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and
29 installation of approved conservation materials and equipment. Such
30 materials and equipment shall be purchased from a private business and
31 shall be installed by a private business or the owner.

32 (5) Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the
33 utility bill, billed either together with use charge or separately.
34 Loans shall not exceed (~~one~~) two hundred (~~twenty~~) forty months in
35 length.

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