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By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Pettigrew, Kagi, Reykdal, Haigh, Takko, Kenney, Moscoso, Hasegawa, Moeller, and Frockt)

READ FIRST TIME 02/11/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing public utility districts to request
2 voluntary contributions to assist low-income customers with payment of
3 water and sewer bills; and amending RCW 54.52.010.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 54.52.010 and 2007 c 132 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) A public utility district may include along with, or as part
8 of, its regular customer billings(~~(7)~~) a request for voluntary
9 contributions to assist qualified low-income residential customers of
10 the district in paying their electricity bills. All funds received by
11 the district in response to such requests shall be (~~(1)~~) (a)
12 transmitted (~~(a)~~) (i) to the grantee of the department of
13 (~~community, trade, and economic development~~) commerce which
14 administers federally funded energy assistance programs for the state
15 in the district's service area or (~~(b)~~) (ii) to a charitable
16 organization within the district's service area; or (~~(2)~~) (b)
17 retained by the district. All such funds shall be used solely to
18 supplement assistance to low-income residential customers of the
19 district in paying their water, sewer, or electricity bills. The

1 grantee, charitable organization, or district is responsible to
2 determine which of the district's customers are qualified for low-
3 income assistance and the amount of assistance to be provided to those
4 who are qualified.

5 (2) A public utility district may include with or as part of its
6 regular customer billings, a request for voluntary contributions to
7 assist qualified low-income residential customers of the district in
8 paying their water and sewer bills. All funds received by the district
9 as a result of these requests shall be transmitted to a charitable
10 organization within the district's service area or retained by the
11 district and distributed solely to assist qualified low-income
12 residential customers in paying their water and sewer bills. The
13 charitable organization or district is responsible for determining
14 which of the district's customers are qualified to receive low-income
15 assistance and the amount of assistance provided to qualified
16 customers.

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