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By Senators Chase, Prentice, White, Nelson, Kastama, Fraser, Shin, Harper, Hatfield, Conway, McAuliffe, and Kohl-Welles

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

1 responsible to determine which of the district's customers are
2 qualified for low-income assistance and the amount of assistance to be
3 provided to those who are qualified.

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