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By Senators Schoesler and Ericksen

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1 AN ACT Relating to emissions from certain emergency power sources;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 70.94 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Emergency engines or backup generators with a cumulative brake
7 horsepower rating greater than two thousand are in compliance for use
8 at hospitals, sewage treatment plants, data centers, and other vital
9 public services without further state requirements if the emergency
10 engines:

11 (a) Meet United States environmental protection agency emission
12 standards;

13 (b) Are fueled by ultra-low sulfur diesel or ultra-low sulfur
14 biodiesel, with a sulfur content of fifteen parts per million or 0.0015
15 percent sulfur by weight or less; and

16 (c) Operate a maximum of fifty hours per year for maintenance,
17 testing, or other nonemergency use.

18 (2) For the purposes of this section, an emergency engine means a
19 new, diesel-fueled, stationary compression ignition engine that is:

1 (a) Installed for the primary purpose of providing electrical power
2 or mechanical work during an emergency and is not the source of primary
3 power at the facility; and

4 (b) Operated to provide electrical power or mechanical work during
5 an emergency under the following conditions: (i) The failure or loss
6 of all or part of normal power service to a facility and the failure or
7 loss of normal power service is beyond the control of the facility; or
8 (ii) the failure or loss of all or part of a facility's internal power
9 distribution system.

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