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

3   "NEW SECTION.   Sec. 1.   (1) The legislature finds that more
4 information and analysis is required in order to understand the full
5 implications of retiring eligible coal plants.
6   (2) The energy division of the department of commerce, in
7 consultation with the appropriate committees of the senate and house
8 of representatives, shall study the costs and benefits of retiring an
9 eligible coal plant, including any environmental benefits and any
10 effects on electric rates and reliability. The study shall also
11 include an examination of the regulatory and financial mechanisms and
12 means that would be required to facilitate such retirement. The
13 department of commerce shall coordinate the study with relevant
14 government authorities in Washington and any state where an eligible
15 generating unit is located.
16   (3) A report must be delivered to the legislature by December 11,
17 2015.
18   (4) For the purposes of this section, "eligible coal plant" means
19 a coal-fired electric generating facility that: (a) Had two or less
20 generating units as of January 1, 1980; (b) is owned by more than one
21 electrical company as of the effective date of this section; and (c)
22 provides, as a portion of the load served by the coal-fired electric
23 generating facility, electricity paid for in rates by retail electric
24 customers in the state of Washington."

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25   On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "facilities;" strike the
26 remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

     EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill and requires the department
of commerce, in consultation with the appropriate committees of the

senate and house of representatives, to jointly study the costs and benefits of retiring an eligible coal plant.

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