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1 AN ACT Relating to the development of a state plan to implement
2 federal regulations on electric generation facilities; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 80.80 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.80
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 In developing, adopting, and implementing a state plan to comply
8 with the requirements of the federal rule relating to greenhouse gas
9 emissions from existing electric generation facilities published in
10 the federal register on October 23, 2015, (80 FR 64966), the
11 department must select a mass-based compliance option that:

12 (1) Maintains state flexibility to achieve compliance using
13 market-based tools;

14 (2) Avoids redundant or burdensome regulation on electric
15 generation facilities by taking into consideration the greenhouse gas
16 emissions performance standard established in this chapter; and

17 (3) Includes participation in a regional or multistate program or
18 in interstate allowance auctions such that:

19 (a) The state's opportunity to realize benefit is maximized at
20 the least cost to electric generation facilities;

1 (b) The current diversification of the state's electric
2 generation sources is not diminished; and

3 (c) The state plan prioritizes the investment of any benefit that
4 may accrue to the state in strategies to reduce the power bills of
5 low-income families and ratepayers.

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