

SHB 2995 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5172.1/18) **1440**

By Representative Nealey

1 On page 2, beginning on line 3 of the striking amendment, strike
2 all of section 2, 3, and 4

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4 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
5 internal references accordingly.

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7 On page 6, beginning on line 27 of the striking amendment, after
8 "(3)" strike all material through "compliance" on line 37 and insert
9 "The commission and department must jointly evaluate whether a
10 requirement for electric utilities to meet one hundred percent of
11 their retail electric load with clean energy and renewable resources
12 is expected to be met by each electric utility. If the requirement is
13 not expected to be met by each electric utility, the commission and
14 department must identify whether technology obstacles exist that
15 prevent compliance and provide policy recommendations to aid in
16 compliance"

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18 On page 7, beginning on line 1 of the striking amendment, strike
19 all of section 6

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21 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
22 internal references accordingly.

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24 On page 7, beginning on line 31 of the striking amendment, after
25 "(1)" strike all material through "2051" on page 11, line 8 and insert
26 "(a) A legislative task force on carbon-free, renewable, and

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1 economical energy is established, with members as provided in this
2 subsection (1).

3 (i) The president of the senate must appoint two voting members
4 from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

5 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint two
6 voting members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
7 representatives.

8 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
9 representatives jointly must appoint the following nonvoting members
10 representing relevant stakeholders:

11 (A) The governor, or the governor's designee;

12 (B) Three representatives of investor-owned utilities;

13 (C) Four representatives of consumer-owned utilities, with one
14 representative of each of the following: a utility that owns and
15 operates thermal electric generation resources, a utility that owns
16 and operates hydroelectric generation resources, a utility that does
17 not own and operate thermal electric generation resources or
18 hydroelectric generation resources, and a rural electric cooperative;

19 (D) One representative of industrial ratepayers;

20 (E) One representative of the Bonneville power administration;

21 (F) Three representatives of organizations which advocate for
22 clean energy technologies and greenhouse gas emissions reductions;

23 (G) One representative of a statewide labor organization;

24 (H) Public counsel or an advocate for electric utility ratepayers
25 designated by public counsel; and

26 (I) One representative of a light and power business that is not
27 an electric utility which owns and operates a combined cycle natural
28 gas resource in the state.

29 (iv) The governor must appoint nonvoting members in an advisory
30 role including, but not limited to, the following:

31 (A) One representative of the Washington state utilities and
32 transportation commission;

33 (B) One representative of the department of commerce;

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1 (C) Two representatives of the two largest state institutions of
2 higher education;

3 (D) One representative of the Pacific Northwest national
4 laboratory;

5 (E) An expert in, or developer of, clean energy technologies;

6 (F) One representative of the Northwest power and planning
7 council; and

8 (G) One representative of the western electricity coordinating
9 council.

10 (b) The task force must choose its cochairs from among its
11 legislative membership. The chair of the joint committee on energy
12 supply and energy conservation shall convene the initial meeting of
13 the task force.

14 (2) The task force shall determine the appropriate carbon
15 reduction targets for electric utilities, to be achieved according to
16 the following schedule:

17 (a) January 1, 2030, and each year thereafter through December 31,
18 2034;

19 (b) January 1, 2035, and each year thereafter through December 31,
20 2039;

21 (c) January 1, 2040, and each year thereafter through December 31,
22 2044; and

23 (d) January 1, 2045, and each year thereafter.

24 (3) In determining the targets under subsection (2) of this
25 section, the task force must review the technological feasibility,
26 timeline, cost, and other impacts of transitioning Washington's
27 electricity sector to carbon-free generation resources, including but
28 not limited to the following issues:

29 (a) Technological feasibility, including an examination of
30 resources known to be commercially available, the potential for
31 storage, and replacement of baseload fossil fuel generation;

32 (b) Reliability, ratepayer costs, and regional market impacts,
33 including impacts on multistate utilities, energy imbalance markets,
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1 the potential for negative pricing, and impacts on renewable energy
2 credit markets;

3 (c) The unique aspects of Washington's utilities;

4 (d) The effect of transportation electrification and the
5 electrification of other sectors on a utility's load;

6 (e) The potential policy interactions between an emission
7 reduction requirement for the electricity sector and other carbon
8 reduction policies;

9 (f) An assessment of appropriate incentives, if any, to facilitate
10 the transition to carbon free generation resources;

11 (g) Federal and state regulatory and legal considerations; and

12 (h) Equitable treatment among utilities.

13 (4) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
14 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
15 program research.

16 (5) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
17 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
18 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
19 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
20 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
21 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

22 (6) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
23 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
24 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
25 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
26 successor committees.

27 (7) The task force must convene at least four meetings in 2018.

28 (8) In order for a recommendation to be included in the report, it
29 must be supported by a majority of the task force's voting members.
30 Minority reports or comments must be included in the report.

31 (9) The task force must report its findings and recommendations to
32 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature, in
33 compliance with RCW 43.01.036, by January 1, 2019.

34 (10) This section expires January 1, 2019"

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2 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes sections pertaining to establishing and implementing fossil fuel reduction targets for electric utilities and market customers. Strikes the establishment of a Joint Select Committee on Washington's Clean Energy Transition, and instead establishes a Legislative Task Force on Carbon-Free, Renewable, and Economical Energy (the Carbon-FREE Task Force). Requires the Carbon-FREE Task Force to determine the appropriate carbon reduction targets for electric utilities to be achieved between January 1, 2030, and January 1, 2045, and each year thereafter. Requires the Carbon-FREE Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2019.

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