
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6345

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By Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Billig, Carlyle, Ranker, Van De Wege, Chase, Darneille, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Palumbo, and Rolfes)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of hydraulic fracturing in the
2 exploration for and production of oil and natural gas; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 78.52 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 78.52
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Until December 31, 2028, a moratorium is imposed on the use
8 of hydraulic fracturing in the exploration for and production of oil
9 and natural gas.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hydraulic fracturing"
11 means the process of pumping a fluid into or under the surface of the
12 ground in order to create fractures in rock for the purpose of the
13 production or recovery of oil or natural gas.

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