

HB 2594 - H AMD 1388

By Representative Boehnke

1 Beginning on page 2, at the beginning of line 13, strike all
2 material through "language." on page 4, line 33, and insert the
3 following:

4 "At the time of an electric utility's filing a tariff or rate
5 schedule change with the commission, in the case of an investor-owned
6 utility, or the governing body, in the case of a consumer-owned
7 utility, and in accordance with rate setting procedures, the utility
8 must notify the retail electric customers to whom the change applies
9 of the proposed tariff or rate schedule change. The notice must
10 include a brief, plain language statement describing any regulatory
11 or public policy decisions, including federal, state, and local laws,
12 that have imposed obligations that increase costs for the utility,
13 and the portion of the rate change attributable to each identified
14 regulatory or public policy decision, including separately
15 identifying any portion of those costs reasonably attributable to
16 chapter 19.405 RCW, the Washington clean energy transformation act,
17 or rules adopted by state agencies to implement that chapter, to the
18 extent that such information can be determined within the utility's
19 existing resources. Each electric utility must maintain on its public
20 internet web site the rate change notices required under this section
21 for the most recent five years, as applicable."

EFFECT: Removes the specific rate change disclosure requirements for all electric utilities. Requires an electric utility to generally notify the retail electric customers to whom a change applies of a tariff or rate schedule change. Requires the notice to include a brief, plain language statement describing any regulatory or public policy decisions that have imposed obligations that increase costs for the utility, to the extent that such information can be determined within the utility's existing resources. Requires each electric utility to maintain on its public internet web site the rate change notices for the most recent five years, as applicable.

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