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By Representative Schmick

1 AN ACT Relating to reimbursement for the use of an emergency
2 generator during a planned interruption of retail electricity
3 service; and adding a new section to chapter 19.29A 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 19.29A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Each electric utility must provide for the reimbursement of
8 costs incurred by a retail electric customer who uses an emergency
9 generator to provide electricity to the customer's home or business
10 during an interruption of service, scheduled by the electric utility,
11 for the primary purpose of connecting neighboring retail electric
12 customers.

13 (2) A retail electric customer seeking reimbursement under this
14 section must provide original receipts, invoices, or other
15 documentation of the costs incurred in order to receive reimbursement
16 from the electric utility.

17 (3) For the purposes of this section, "emergency generator" means
18 a stationary combustion device, such as a reciprocating internal
19 combustion engine or turbine that serves solely as a secondary source
20 of mechanical or electrical power whenever the primary energy supply

1 is disrupted or discontinued due to factors that are beyond the
2 control of the retail electric customer.

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