

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6135

66th Legislature
2020 Regular Session

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2020

Yeas 47 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 6, 2020

Yeas 97 Nays 0

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6135** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Environment, Energy & Technology (originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Carlyle, and Short)

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1 AN ACT Relating to system reliability during the clean energy
2 transformation act implementation; adding a new section to chapter
3 19.280 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Northwest's
6 power system is undergoing significant changes, including the
7 retirement of baseload power generation resources, changes in
8 hydroelectric output, and increases in distributed generation and
9 variable renewable generation. Maintaining the adequacy, sufficiency,
10 and availability of power supply to the growing populace in the
11 Northwest is critical to the future of the region. Additional
12 information sharing and coordination among utilities, planning
13 entities, and state agencies is necessary to ensure that the region
14 is adapting to the changing power system while maintaining the
15 adequacy, sufficiency, and availability of the power supply for the
16 region.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.280
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) At least once every twelve months, the department and the
20 commission shall jointly convene a meeting of representatives of the

1 investor-owned utilities and consumer-owned utilities, regional
2 planning organizations, transmission operators, and other
3 stakeholders to discuss the current, short-term, and long-term
4 adequacy of energy resources to serve the state's electric needs, and
5 address specific steps the utilities can take to coordinate planning
6 in light of the significant changes to the Northwest's power system
7 including, but not limited to, technological developments,
8 retirements of legacy baseload power generation resources, and
9 changes in laws and regulations affecting power supply options. The
10 department and commission shall provide a summary of these meetings,
11 including any specific action items, to the governor and legislature
12 within sixty days of the meeting.

13 (2) This section expires January 1, 2025.

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