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**SENATE BILL 5620**

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**By** Senators Lias, Boehnke, Lovelett, Nguyen, and Nobles

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1 AN ACT Relating to line extension tariffs for electric vehicle  
2 charging infrastructure; adding a new section to chapter 80.28 RCW;  
3 creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that more and more  
6 Washingtonians are driving vehicles powered by electricity and that  
7 it is vital that the electric vehicle charging infrastructure keep  
8 pace with this accelerating trend. Many businesses desire to install  
9 electric vehicle charging stations, which nearly always requires  
10 working closely with electric utilities to install infrastructure  
11 from the utility's distribution system to the business. In many  
12 cases, electrical companies have not adopted tariffs that address  
13 these line extensions, resulting in delays and uncertainty regarding  
14 the allocation of the costs of such infrastructure between the  
15 utility and the facility installing the charging equipment.

16 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that the utilities  
17 and transportation commission adopt a policy providing guidance to  
18 electrical companies regulated by the commission for the  
19 incorporation into company rates the recovery of the costs of these  
20 line extensions on the utility's side of the customer's meter.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 80.28  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) By January 1, 2024, the commission shall adopt by rule a  
4    policy to provide guidance to electrical companies in the recovery  
5    through rates of the costs of installation, maintenance, and  
6    operation of electrical distribution infrastructure on the utility's  
7    side of the meter to commercial customers installing electric vehicle  
8    supply equipment. The policy must require treatment of this  
9    infrastructure and associated design, engineering, and construction  
10   work the same as other distribution infrastructure authorized for  
11   recovery in the company's rates. The commission may revise the policy  
12   from time to time when necessary to ensure the rates are just,  
13   sufficient, and reasonable.

14       (2) By July 1, 2024, each electrical company shall file with the  
15   commission its proposed tariff for the recovery of the costs eligible  
16   under the policy in subsection (1) of this section. The commission  
17   shall consider the filing under the procedures and standards under  
18   this chapter and rules adopted by the commission for rate case  
19   proceedings.

20       (3) For the purposes of this section, "electrical distribution  
21   infrastructure" includes poles, vaults, service drops, transformers,  
22   mounting pads, trenching, conduit, wire, cable, meters, other  
23   equipment as necessary, and associated engineering and civil  
24   construction work.

25       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    Section 2 of this act must be codified  
26   immediately following RCW 80.28.365.

27       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
28   preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
29   the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
30   effect immediately.

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