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Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications.

1 AN ACT Relating to streamlining the implementation and coordination
2 of state energy policies and programs; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the
5 state's best interest to pursue an aggressive sustainable energy
6 agenda. Since all new energy is the most expensive energy, it is the
7 place of government to initiate and drive policy for new energy
8 technologies that will be the most reasonable cost energy for the
9 future. The state has passed legislation in recent years that promotes
10 the use and manufacturing of renewable energy technologies, requires
11 energy efficiency and conservation, supports consumption of biofuels
12 and the growth of state biofuel feedstocks, and reduces greenhouse gas
13 emissions from new power plants and automobiles.

14 Various state agencies and institutions have been designated to
15 execute sustainable energy policies and programs. These agencies
16 include the energy policy division of the department of community,
17 trade, and economic development, Washington State University's energy
18 extension program, the utilities and transportation commission, the

1 department of general administration, the department of agriculture,
2 and the department of ecology.

3 The legislature finds that the implementation of Washington's
4 sustainable energy agenda is being impeded due to the fragmented
5 division of responsibilities among these state-based energy agencies
6 and institutions and the lack of a central coordinating agency that
7 ensures cooperation and the execution of a strategic plan.

8 The legislature intends to centralize state energy programs and
9 certain regulatory functions that are currently spread throughout state
10 government into one central office called the sustainable energy
11 office.

12 In creating the sustainable energy office, the legislature intends
13 to centralize and integrate state sustainable energy functions, ensure
14 staffing resources are allocated in the most efficient and effective
15 manner possible, eliminate the duplication of services, and ensure the
16 execution of policy adopted by the legislature.

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