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1 AN ACT Relating to renewable energy; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The use of renewable energy provides a
5 number of benefits, including increased energy diversity and security,
6 reduction in the effects of greenhouse gases, and economic development
7 opportunities. The legislature declares, therefore, it is in the best
8 interests of the citizens of the state to encourage the development and
9 use of renewable energy.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) Each state agency that is a retail electric customer shall use
13 eligible renewable resources or acquire and retire equivalent renewable
14 energy credits, or a combination of both, to meet the following
15 electricity consumption targets:

16 (a) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
17 electric usage is at least twenty-five percent in fiscal year 2009;

1 (b) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
2 electric usage is at least fifty percent in fiscal years 2010 through
3 2011;

4 (c) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
5 electric usage is at least seventy-five percent in fiscal years 2012
6 through 2013; and

7 (d) That the eligible renewable resource percentage of total annual
8 electric usage is at least one hundred percent in fiscal year 2014 and
9 each fiscal year thereafter.

10 (2) In meeting the targets, state agencies may include any eligible
11 renewable resource provided by their serving electric utility's load as
12 documented by the most recent reports submitted to the department of
13 community, trade, and economic development under chapter 19.29A or
14 19.285 RCW.

15 (3) The department of general administration shall survey and
16 report the efforts of state agencies in meeting the targets. The first
17 report is due to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
18 in December 2009 and every year thereafter.

19 (4) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
20 specific purpose, the department is authorized to negotiate and
21 purchase on behalf of state agencies renewable energy credits. The
22 department shall retire any renewable energy credit purchased to
23 satisfy a target.

24 (5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
25 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

26 (a) "Eligible renewable resource" has the same meaning as in RCW
27 19.285.030.

28 (b) "Renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in RCW
29 19.285.030.

30 (c) "State agency" means any state board, commission, bureau,
31 committee, department, institution, division, or tribunal in the
32 legislative, executive, or judicial branch of state government, and
33 includes all elective offices, the state legislature, those
34 institutions of higher education created and supported by state
35 government, and those courts that are fully supported by state
36 government. It does not include political subdivisions; units of local
37 government; superior, district, and municipal courts; school districts;

1 municipal corporations; quasi-municipal corporations; special purpose
2 districts; or local service districts.

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