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**SENATE BILL 5145**

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**By** Senators Salomon, Nguyen, Dhingra, Rolfes, Frockt, Hunt, Billig, Darneille, Palumbo, Kuderer, Saldaña, and Van De Wege

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of hydraulic fracturing in the  
2 exploration for and production of oil and natural gas; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 78.52 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 78.52  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The use of hydraulic fracturing in the exploration for, and  
8 production of, oil and natural gas is prohibited. This section does  
9 not prohibit the use of hydraulic fracturing for other purposes.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "hydraulic fracturing"  
11 means the process of pumping a fluid into or under the surface of the  
12 ground in order to create fractures in rock for the purpose of the  
13 production or recovery of oil or natural gas.

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