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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5624**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Energy, Environment & Technology (originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa and Fortunato)

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1 AN ACT Relating to transparency in retail electrical customer  
2 billing; and amending RCW 19.29A.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.29A.030 and 1998 c 300 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Except as otherwise provided in RCW 19.29A.040, an electric  
7 utility shall:

8 (1) Provide notice to all of its retail electric customers that  
9 the disclosures required in RCW 19.29A.020 are available without  
10 charge upon request. Such notice shall be provided at the time  
11 service is established and either included as a prominent part of  
12 each customer's bill or in a written notice mailed to each customer  
13 at least once a year thereafter. Required disclosures shall be  
14 provided without charge, in writing using plain language that is  
15 understandable to an ordinary customer, and presented in a form that  
16 is clear and conspicuous((-));

17 (2) Provide written or electronic notice of public hearings where  
18 changes in electricity rates will be considered or approved by the  
19 commission or governing body, in a form and manner as may be required  
20 by the commission or governing body;

1       (3) Disclose on each billing statement the rate of tax imposed  
2 upon the electric utility under RCW 35.21.870, if any, and the amount  
3 of such tax to be paid directly by the retail electric customer  
4 through the billing statement;

5       (4) Disclose the following information in a prominent manner on  
6 all billing statements sent to retail electric customers, or by a  
7 separate written notice mailed to all retail electric customers at  
8 least quarterly and at the same time as a billing statement: "YOUR  
9 BILL INCLUDES CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY, DELIVERY SERVICES, GENERAL  
10 ADMINISTRATION AND OVERHEAD, METERING, TAXES, CONSERVATION EXPENSES,  
11 AND OTHER ITEMS."

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