

SB 328 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Makes biomass facilities that were registered with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System on or after January 1, 2011, eligible for renewable energy certificates. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) is an independent, renewable energy tracking system that tracks generation from units that register in the system by using verifiable data and creating renewable energy certificates accordingly. It is part of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), a nonprofit corporation approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the regional entity designated to ensure a reliable energy system in the western United States and Canada.