

SB 328 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Girod

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 02/20/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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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:

- Not applicable to any existing facilities
- Only applicable to future facilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) is an independent, renewable energy tracking system that tracks power generated from facilities 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.