

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 650 By Senator Walsworth

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT QUALITY DEPT. Authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the Public Service Commission, to establish regulations on carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units. (8/1/14)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Changes mandatory to discretionary - authorizes the department to establish standards of performance for carbon dioxide emission for certain generating units instead of requiring the department to establish these standards.
2. Adds alternative compliance options for meeting standards and criteria for those options.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law authorizes DEQ in collaboration with and input from the Public Service Commission, to establish standards of performance for measuring carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units.

Proposed law provides criteria for the standards of performance.

Proposed law provides that the department can set adjusting standards of performance on fossil fuel-fired electric generating units and further determine if state standards are to be less stringent or allow for longer compliance schedules for individual units than those provided for in applicable federal rules or guidelines.

Proposed law requires the DEQ's plan establishing standards of performance for existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units to be consistent with proposed law and may include alternative compliance options for meeting standards. Requires such options to comply with a guidance document by the EPA, based on measures that can be implemented, and are consistent with present law.

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