



Washington State Legislature

Joint Committee on Energy Supply & Energy Conservation Monday, July 14, 2014

Discussion Guide

1. Purpose of the Joint Committee on Energy Supply and Energy Conservation

The Joint Committee on Energy Supply and Energy Conservation (Joint Committee) was created in 1969 and codified under Chapter 44.39 RCW.

The Joint Committee must meet and function at the following times:

- At least once per year or at any time upon the call of the chair to receive information related to the state or regional energy supply situation,
- During a condition of energy supply alert or energy emergency, and
- Upon the call of the chair, in response to gubernatorial action to terminate such a condition.

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The members of the Joint Committee are responsible for electing a chair and a vice-chair. The chair must be a member of the House of Representatives in even-numbered years and a member of the Senate in odd-numbered years.

2014 is an even-numbered year and the chair must be a member of the House of Representatives.

3. Discussion of interim work plan and goals.

- Rep. Morris's proposal (attached)
- Joint Committee member proposals

4. Stakeholder and Public Comment

On July 2, Rep. Morris invited various energy stakeholders to respond to the following two questions at this meeting:

- What changes would you like the Legislature to make to the Energy Independence Act (Initiative 937)?
- What policies do you propose for encouraging renewable energy resources and energy efficiency post-2020?

A one-page background on the Energy Independence Act is attached.

5. Next Steps and Other Administrative Matters

Additional meetings of the Joint Committee?

Number and types of meetings?

Duration of meetings?

Location?

Expert testimony?

Additional public testimony?