
SENATE BILL 6225

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By Senator Boehnke

1 AN ACT Relating to siting wind energy facilities to avoid
2 interference with military installations; adding a new section to
3 chapter 80.50 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70B RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.50
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The council may not recommend approval of an application for
8 certification of a utility-scale wind energy facility, as defined in
9 RCW 70A.550.010, if any part of the facility is located closer than
10 15 miles to a military installation.

11 (2) This section does not apply to any facility that received
12 approval of certification before the effective date of this section.

13 (3) A facility that received approval of certification consistent
14 with this section may not have its certification revoked if a new
15 military installation is established and located closer than 15 miles
16 to the facility after the facility received approval of
17 certification.

18 (4)(a) For purposes of this section, "military installation"
19 means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility
20 for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the United

1 States department of defense, including any leased facility, which is
2 located within the state of Washington.

3 (b) "Military installation" does not include any facility used
4 primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood
5 control projects.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70B
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) A local government may not approve a project permit
9 application for a utility-scale wind energy facility, as defined in
10 RCW 70A.550.010, if any part of the facility is located closer than
11 15 miles to a military installation.

12 (2) This section does not apply to any utility-scale wind energy
13 facility that was approved before the effective date of this section.

14 (3)(a) For purposes of this section, "military installation"
15 means a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, homeport facility
16 for any ship, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the United
17 States department of defense, including any leased facility, which is
18 located within the state of Washington.

19 (b) "Military installation" does not include any facility used
20 primarily for civil works, rivers and harbors projects, or flood
21 control projects.

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