

Increases in Energy Efficiency Mandates

SB 546 by Sen. Fraser
SB 1191 by Sen. Ellis

SB 601 by Sen. Van de Putte

Proposal

- SB 546 would add subsequent energy efficiency goals of 30 percent of an electric utility's annual growth in demand by 2011 and 50 percent by 2016.
- SB 601 would require electric utilities to build an infrastructure of trained and qualified energy services providers to support energy efficiency programs and demand-side renewable energy systems to achieve energy efficiency reductions of 0.5 percent of the utility's peak demand, other than demand by transmission-level industrial facilities, by 2012 and 1 percent by 2015.
- SB 1191 would require electric utilities to implement load management and demand response programs to reduce the utility's peak demand as follows: one percent by 12/31/2010; two percent by 12/31/2012; three percent by 12/31/2014; four percent by 12/31/2016; five percent by 12/31/2018.

AECT Position

- AECT member companies support the implementation of energy efficiency technologies as they become economically viable and in demand by customers.
- AECT recognizes the importance of emerging energy efficiency technologies and believes the market will provide guidance in determining which technologies should be adopted.
- In the 2007 Legislative Session, the energy efficiency mandate was significantly expanded. Utility energy efficiency goals for 2009 are double what they were in 2007.
- End-users of electricity have an incentive to seek cost-effective energy efficient measures without additional state mandates or expenditures.
- End-use customers pay for energy efficiency subsidies through retail electric prices. Any increase in the mandates would result in higher electric bills to customers.
- AECT remains committed to a long-term transition to future energy solutions, but our state must do so in a manner that is rational, measured and does not impose an unreasonable financial burden on customers or market participants.