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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the environmental health impact of
2 cleaning in state facilities; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that cleaning products
5 are necessary for creating and maintaining sanitary conditions in state
6 facilities and workplaces. However, chemicals contained in cleaning
7 products can be released to the environment during normal use by
8 evaporation of volatile components or by leaving residue on cleaned
9 surfaces. Choosing less hazardous cleaning products for use in our
10 workplaces and our facilities and taking steps to reduce exposure can
11 minimize harmful impacts to office and custodial workers, improve
12 indoor air quality, and reduce water and ambient air pollution.
13 Purchasing and appropriate use of products that perform well and that
14 have positive environmental attributes such as biodegradability, low
15 toxicity, low volatile organic compound content, reduced packaging, and
16 low life cycle energy use can reduce the environmental impact of
17 routine cleaning activities while also ensuring cleaning effectiveness.
18 Therefore, the legislature finds that the adoption of practices to

1 select, procure, and use environmentally preferred products will
2 benefit the environment and the health and safety of workers and
3 visitors to state facilities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) All state agencies that purchase
5 cleaning products or services must ensure that cleaning products have
6 properties that minimize potential impacts to human health and the
7 environment consistent with maintenance of the effectiveness of these
8 products for the protection of public health and safety. For purposes
9 of this chapter, "state agency" means any office, department, division,
10 bureau, board, commission, or other agency of the state of Washington
11 or of any subdivision thereof.

12 (2) The department of general administration, in consultation with
13 the department of health and the department of ecology, shall recognize
14 environmentally preferred products' accrediting information from
15 multiple sources including, but not limited to, the United States
16 environmental protection agency design for the environment program and
17 greenseal, and provide consultation and guidance to state agencies to:

18 (a) Select and procure products and use practices that reduce or
19 minimize the risks of harmful effects to employees, custodial workers,
20 visitors, and other building occupants and to the environment;

21 (b) Promote adoption of practices endorsed by this chapter;

22 (c) Recognize state agencies that adopt and implement
23 environmentally beneficial facility and workplace management policies
24 and practices;

25 (d) Encourage contractors supplying goods and services to state
26 agencies to select and procure such products; and

27 (e) Encourage lessors and building managers who provide leased
28 space to state agencies to select and procure such products.

29 (3) The department of general administration, upon renewal of a
30 lease and for all new leases, must require lessors and building
31 managers who provide leased space to state agencies to use
32 environmentally preferred products and practices.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) When procuring cleaning products, state
34 agencies shall purchase environmentally preferred products or document
35 the reasons for selecting nonpreferred products. The products must
36 conform to guidance for environmentally preferred purchasing of

1 cleaning products that may be provided under section 2 of this act, or
2 must be products that have been identified by the department of general
3 administration as compliant with this chapter.

4 (2) The use of nonpreferred products must be in accordance with
5 responsible cleaning procedure requirements, including:

6 (a) Controlled and efficient use;

7 (b) Proper dilution, mixing, and handling;

8 (c) Following label instructions;

9 (d) Monitoring of chemical quantities used; and

10 (e) Compliance with chemical hazard communication and personal
11 protective equipment use requirements under chapter 296-800 WAC.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Local governments and school districts are
13 encouraged to review their purchasing and use of cleaning products and
14 select those having properties that minimize potential impacts to human
15 health and the environment consistent with section 2 of this act. The
16 department of general administration shall encourage local governments
17 and school districts that are members of the department of general
18 administration's state purchasing cooperative to achieve the goals of
19 this chapter.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** State agencies shall transition to cleaning
21 products having properties that minimize potential impacts to human
22 health and the environment within six months of the effective date of
23 this section in a manner that avoids waste of existing inventories,
24 accommodates establishment of supply chains for new products, enables
25 the training of personnel in appropriate work practices, and allows the
26 phase out of products and practices inconsistent with this chapter.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Nothing in this chapter prohibits the use of
28 disinfectants, disinfecting cleaners, sanitizers, or any other
29 antimicrobial product regulated by the federal insecticide, fungicide,
30 and rodenticide act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 et seq.), provided that the use
31 of these products is in accordance with responsible cleaning procedure
32 requirements.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute
2 a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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