

SB 5560 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that: (1) In chapter 14, Laws of 2008, the legislature established greenhouse gas emission reduction limits for Washington state, including a reduction of overall emissions by 2020 to emission levels in 1990, a reduction by 2035 to levels twenty-five percent below 1990 levels, and by 2050 a further reduction below 1990 levels. Based upon estimated 2006 emission levels in Washington, this will require a reduction from present emission levels of over twenty-five percent in the next eleven years;

(2) State government activities are a significant source of emissions; and

(3) State government should meet targets for reducing emissions from its buildings, vehicles, and all operations that demonstrate that these reductions are achievable and cost-effective and will help to promote innovative energy efficiency technologies and practices.

Requires all state agencies to reduce energy consumption and exceed the statewide greenhouse gas emission limits established in RCW 70.235.020.