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By Committee on Energy, Environment & Technology

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 70.235.020 and 2008 c 14 s 3 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1)(a) The state shall limit emissions of greenhouse gases to
6 achieve the following emission reductions for Washington state:

7 (i) By 2020, reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the
8 state to 1990 levels;

9 (ii) By 2025, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to nineteen percent
10 below 1990 levels, and to make best efforts to reduce greenhouse gas
11 emissions to twenty-one percent below 1990 levels, consistent with
12 the commitment submitted to the United Nations as the intended
13 nationally determined contribution by the United States under the
14 2015 Paris climate agreement;

15 (iii) By 2035, reduce overall emissions of greenhouse gases in
16 the state to ~~((twenty-five))~~ forty percent below 1990 levels;

17 ~~((+iii))~~ (iv) By 2050, the state will do its part to reach
18 global climate stabilization levels by reducing overall emissions to
19 ~~((fifty))~~ eighty percent below 1990 levels ~~((, or seventy percent~~
20 ~~below the state's expected emissions that year))~~.

21 (b) By December 1, 2008, the department shall submit a greenhouse
22 gas reduction plan for review and approval to the legislature,
23 describing those actions necessary to achieve the emission reductions
24 in (a) of this subsection by using existing statutory authority and
25 any additional authority granted by the legislature. Actions taken
26 using existing statutory authority may proceed prior to approval of
27 the greenhouse gas reduction plan.

28 (c) Except where explicitly stated otherwise, nothing in chapter
29 14, Laws of 2008 limits any state agency authorities as they existed
30 prior to June 12, 2008.

1 (d) Consistent with this directive, the department shall take the
2 following actions:

3 (i) Develop and implement a system for monitoring and reporting
4 emissions of greenhouse gases as required under RCW 70.94.151; and

5 (ii) Track progress toward meeting the emission reductions
6 established in this subsection, including the results from policies
7 currently in effect that have been previously adopted by the state
8 and policies adopted in the future, and report on that progress.

9 (2) By December 31st of each even-numbered year beginning in
10 2010, the department and the department of (~~community, trade, and~~
11 ~~economic development~~) commerce shall report to the governor and the
12 appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives the
13 total emissions of greenhouse gases for the preceding two years, and
14 totals in each major source sector. The department shall ensure the
15 reporting rules adopted under RCW 70.94.151 allow it to develop a
16 comprehensive inventory of emissions of greenhouse gases from all
17 significant sectors of the Washington economy. The report must
18 describe Washington's per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions
19 as compared to the per capita and total greenhouse gas emissions of
20 the other states in the United States, including Washington's ranking
21 among the other states as an emitter of greenhouse gases on both a
22 per capita and total emissions basis. The department shall survey the
23 agencies of state government to determine each agency's annual
24 expenditures made during the biennium to reduce greenhouse gas
25 emissions and to support the achievement of the greenhouse gas
26 emissions reduction goals identified in this section, as well as each
27 agency's annual reduction of greenhouse gases during the biennium,
28 and shall include that information in its report, along with a
29 tabulation of the cost per ton of greenhouse gas emissions reductions
30 undertaken by each agency.

31 (3) Except for purposes of reporting, emissions of carbon dioxide
32 from industrial combustion of biomass in the form of fuel wood, wood
33 waste, wood by-products, and wood residuals shall not be considered a
34 greenhouse gas as long as the region's silvicultural sequestration
35 capacity is maintained or increased.

36 (4) For the purposes of this chapter, the department must, in
37 coordination with the department of natural resources, calculate and
38 include in its reporting the total emissions of greenhouse gases from
39 wildfires in the state. As part of the reductions identified in this
40 chapter, the state must encourage proactive forest management,

1 including, but not limited to, prescribed burning and mechanized
2 thinning, as a means of achieving the state's greenhouse gas
3 emissions reduction goals."

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4 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "science;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 70.235.020."

EFFECT: Removes the JLARC study.

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