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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2899**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Gregerson, Doglio, Jinkins, and Peterson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a vehicle maintenance improvement  
2 program; adding a new chapter to Title 46 RCW; and providing an  
3 effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature finds, regarding  
6 the don't drip and drive program undertaken by the department of  
7 ecology between 2011 and 2017, that the program:

8 (i) Was designed to improve vehicle owners' awareness of vehicle  
9 leaks and to motivate the owners of leaking vehicles to fix the  
10 leaks;

11 (ii) Has achieved progress in addressing a significant source of  
12 water pollution in the Puget Sound region: Vehicles that leak fluids  
13 that cause significant water quality impairments;

14 (iii) Was developed in partnership with an extensive coalition of  
15 municipalities and other partners in the Puget Sound region;

16 (iv) Was founded on extensive research and a well-developed  
17 educational campaign;

18 (v) Has been funded by a series of one-time grants; and

19 (vi) Has resulted in the reduction of the source of water  
20 pollution from vehicle fluids, as well as a number of ancillary  
21 benefits, including improved vehicle fuel economy for vehicle owners,

1 better air quality, the delayed need for vehicle repairs, improved  
2 reliability in vehicle operation, and others;

3 (b) The legislature further finds that the results of the program  
4 demonstrate benefits that could be realized: More comprehensively,  
5 were the scope of the program to emphasize all benefits of proper  
6 vehicle maintenance; more broadly, were the program to be expanded  
7 statewide; and continuously, were the program to be funded with a  
8 permanent revenue source;

9 (c) The legislature further finds that the benefits of proper  
10 vehicle maintenance are more pronounced in older vehicles; and

11 (d) The legislature also recognizes the value of partnerships  
12 with local governments and private sector stakeholders in ensuring  
13 the development and establishment of a robust and enduring program.

14 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to create an ongoing and  
15 statewide vehicle maintenance improvement program, led by the  
16 department of ecology, in collaboration with the department of  
17 commerce, and in concert with local government partners, using the  
18 don't drip and drive program initiated by the department of ecology  
19 as a model, for the purpose of: Raising awareness of the importance  
20 of routine vehicle maintenance, particularly for older vehicles; and  
21 achieving actual environmental, economic, vehicle performance and  
22 reliability, and other benefits of proper vehicle maintenance.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of ecology, in  
24 collaboration with the department of commerce, and in concert with  
25 municipal partners around the state, must establish an ongoing  
26 vehicle maintenance improvement program with the goals of:

27 (a) Improving vehicle owners' awareness of the importance of  
28 proper and regular vehicle maintenance, particularly with older  
29 vehicles;

30 (b) Motivating vehicle owners to conduct routine and proper  
31 vehicle maintenance; and

32 (c) Yielding outcomes that provide improvements to the  
33 environment, reliability of vehicle travel, and personal economy.

34 (2) The state's role in the vehicle maintenance improvement  
35 program, through the department of ecology, in collaboration with the  
36 department of commerce, is to:

37 (a) Coordinate public outreach and education efforts to promote  
38 proper and routine vehicle maintenance;

1 (b) Provide grant oversight and technical assistance to local  
2 government partners;

3 (c) Develop educational materials in different languages and for  
4 different media to engage a broad spectrum of the public;

5 (d) Develop vehicle maintenance workshops and other events for  
6 the purpose of identifying symptoms of vehicle wear, correctable by  
7 routine maintenance, thus providing the public with learning  
8 opportunities and potential trust building experiences with car  
9 mechanics;

10 (e) Establish an advisory group of public, private, and nonprofit  
11 stakeholders for the purposes of guiding the program development;

12 (f) Develop strategies to reduce costs or perceptions of costs  
13 associated with vehicle maintenance, in part through working with  
14 private sector stakeholders and associations, in order to motivate  
15 vehicle owners to conduct proper vehicle maintenance; and

16 (g) Measure the behavioral response to the program, as well as  
17 environmental, vehicle performance, and other outcomes.

18 (3) Local governments are authorized to participate in the  
19 vehicle maintenance improvement program through:

20 (a) Disseminating program materials through online advertising,  
21 social media, and other localized media channels;

22 (b) Holding vehicle maintenance workshops and other related  
23 events to identify and promote the correction of deficiencies  
24 attributable to normal vehicle wear;

25 (c) Applying to the state for matching grants from the department  
26 of ecology or department of commerce;

27 (d) Engaging nonprofit organizations and other interested parties  
28 as a stakeholder advisory committee for the purpose of guiding the  
29 local government to implement the program strategically; and

30 (e) Partnering with participating vehicle maintenance facilities  
31 and repair shops to promote vehicle maintenance and discount  
32 necessary repairs.

33 (4) The departments of ecology and commerce may adopt rules to  
34 implement this section.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The vehicle maintenance improvement  
36 account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from local  
37 governments and private sector stakeholder contributions related to  
38 the vehicle maintenance improvement program must be deposited into  
39 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after

1 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the  
2 purposes of the vehicle maintenance improvement program established  
3 in section 2 of this act, including grants to local governments for  
4 the purposes of the program. Any grants must be matched by local  
5 contributions.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** By December 31, 2020, and every four years  
7 thereafter, the departments of ecology and commerce shall evaluate  
8 the vehicle maintenance improvement program established in section 2  
9 of this act and shall report to the governor and the environmental  
10 and transportation committees of the legislature on the results of  
11 the program to date. The evaluation must consider the behavioral  
12 response to the program and impacts to the environment, the economy,  
13 and vehicle performance and reliability.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 4 and 6 of this act  
15 constitute a new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act takes effect July 1, 2018.

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