

5492-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water
(originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Carlson, Regala,
Fraser, Horn, Haugen, Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Providing incentives to reduce air pollution
through the use of clean alternative fuel vehicles.

SB 5492-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds it is important to begin addressing the negative impacts of continued gasoline and diesel fuel use. Addressing motor vehicle emissions is further needed because of the expected increases in population and vehicle miles traveled, which threaten to erode air quality gains made over the last decade.

Declares that, in order to make net progress in improving air quality, reducing the threat of climate change, and protecting public health and the environment, the legislature finds it is necessary to encourage the use of clean alternative fuel vehicles.

Provides that the Washington State University energy program, in consultation with the departments of ecology, revenue, and licensing; local governments; vehicle manufacturers and suppliers; and other interested parties shall collect and review the relevant data associated with the provisions of chapter ..., Laws of 2001 (this act) and evaluate the effectiveness of these incentives in improving air quality and increasing the use of clean alternative fuel vehicles.

Directs the Washington State University energy program to present its findings and make recommendations as appropriate to the legislature biennially on or before November 30th, beginning in 2004.

Repeals RCW 43.19.637.