

6285-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Regala, Horn, Kline, Jacobsen, Carlson, Rasmussen, Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Eide, Thibaudeau, Fairley, Keiser, McAuliffe, Gardner and Finkbeiner)

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

**SB 6285-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that Washington state faces threats to its economic vitality, public health, and environment from the ongoing and increasing use of gasoline and diesel fuels in motor vehicles. Motor vehicle emissions from petroleum fuels account for more than half of all air pollutants and almost sixty percent of total carbon dioxide emissions in Washington.

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.

Provides that, 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.

Declares that tax credits under this act shall not be allowed for expenditures that occur after December 31, 2010.

Requires 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 to collect and review the relevant data associated with the provisions of chapter . . . , Laws of 2002 (this act) and evaluate the effectiveness of these incentives in improving air quality and increasing the use of clean alternative fuel vehicles. The Washington State University energy program shall present its findings and make recommendations as appropriate to the legislature biennially on or before November 30th, beginning in 2005.