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1 AN ACT Relating to improving air quality through reducing pollutant
2 emissions and increasing energy efficiency of state vehicles; adding
3 new sections to chapter 43.19 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to:

6 (1) Maintain and improve the state's ambient air quality by
7 establishing an overall performance standard for state vehicles
8 regarding air pollutant emissions and energy efficiency;

9 (2) Provide flexibility to meet the performance standard as
10 technologies change, as the market provides additional vehicle options,
11 and recognize demand management strategies as an additional method of
12 contributing toward meeting the standard; and

13 (3) Establish clear accountability for progress in meeting the
14 performance standards, including regular reporting to the governor and
15 appropriate legislative committees, as well as availability of
16 performance information to the general public.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) The following goals are established for achievement by the
2 fleet of passenger motor vehicles operated by motor pool services
3 within the department of general administration and by each of the
4 state agencies determined by the office of financial management under
5 subsection (4) of this section:

6 (a) A doubling of mileage performance by July 1, 2015; and

7 (b) A reduction by half of pollutant emissions by July 1, 2015.

8 (2) The baseline date to which to apply the goals shall be July 1,
9 2003. The department and the office of financial management shall
10 establish biennial goals with the initial biennium beginning July 1,
11 2005, to assist in determining progress toward meeting the goals of
12 subsection (1) of this section.

13 (3) The department and the state energy policy office shall develop
14 a methodology for measuring mileage performance across all types of
15 propulsion technologies, which if practicable shall include a uniform
16 measure of energy usage. The methodology may incorporate factors other
17 than vehicle performance, such as passenger miles travelled. The
18 department and the department of ecology shall develop a methodology
19 for measuring pollutant emissions. The methodology may include any
20 factors relevant to the adverse health, safety, environmental, or
21 visibility effects of emissions, including but not limited to such
22 factors as the pollutant's quantity, toxicity, persistence, and
23 reactivity with other substances.

24 (4) The office of financial management shall determine those state
25 agencies whose passenger motor vehicle fleets shall be subject to the
26 goals of subsection (1) of this section. The office shall include
27 those agencies with a passenger motor vehicle fleet that averages fifty
28 or more vehicles over the two years preceding the baseline date of July
29 1, 2005. The office may include state agencies with smaller fleets
30 where it will not cause an undue hardship in meeting the mission of the
31 state agency. The office may aggregate two or more agency fleets for
32 purposes of measuring progress toward the goal, provided that such
33 aggregation is used consistently over the ten-year period. For the
34 purposes of this section, "state agency" shall have the same meaning as
35 provided in RCW 43.19.560.

36 (5) Beginning July 1, 2015, the department and the office of
37 financial management shall establish strong biennial goals for
38 passenger vehicle mileage performance and pollutant emissions

1 reductions that build on the achievements of the previous decade. The
2 department shall review existing performance data for comparably sized
3 fleets of local, state, and federal agencies, and shall ensure that the
4 biennial goals are not below the performance of the top quartile of
5 such government agency fleets.

6 (6) For the purposes of this section, "passenger motor vehicle"
7 means any sedan, station wagon, bus, or light truck that is designed
8 for carrying ten passengers or less and is used primarily for the
9 transportation of persons. The department for the motor pool services
10 and the office of financial management for other state agency fleets
11 may permit specific additional vehicles to be included for purposes of
12 measuring fleet performance progress toward the goals.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) No later than January 1, 2005, the department and the office of
16 financial management shall jointly provide a progress report to the
17 governor and to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
18 representatives on implementing section 2 of this act. The report
19 shall address the methodologies for measuring the progress toward the
20 goals, the progress toward determining the fleet performance as of the
21 baseline date, and any information that would assist in making
22 budgetary allocations or policy modifications for the initial biennium
23 of progress toward the goals.

24 (2) No later than January 1st of each odd-numbered year beginning
25 in 2007, the department and the office of financial management shall
26 provide a progress report on all state agency fleets subject to the
27 goals of this section. The report shall be provided to the governor
28 and the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
29 representatives.

30 (3) The reports required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section
31 and other information pertaining to fleet performance and methodologies
32 for measuring performance shall be posted on the department's
33 electronic web site.

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