

E2SSB 5735 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3143.4/09) 646
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1 On page 2, line 6 of the amendment, after "(1)" strike all material
2 through "(2)" on line 13 and insert "(a) The office of the governor and
3 the department are directed to represent the state's interest in the
4 development of a national program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
5 These efforts must protect Washington's interests without influence
6 from any decisions made as part of the western climate initiative, and
7 reflect Washington's manufacturing, hydroelectric, forestry, and
8 agricultural interests.

9 (b) The office of the governor and the department may continue to
10 participate and monitor efforts to create a regional cap and trade
11 program with the following guidance:

12 (i) Allowances under any proposed cap and trade program may not be
13 auctioned without prior approval of the legislature;

14 (ii) Cost containment and market design mechanisms must be included
15 in any system to protect the state's economy from volatile and
16 escalating costs of allowances or offsets and market manipulation;

17 (iii) The threshold for regulation will not be reduced below
18 twenty-five thousand metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents
19 annually;

20 (iv) The point of regulation will be imposed on the entity that has
21 control over emissions;

22 (v) The point of regulation will be placed on stationary sources
23 within Washington to better enable integration with the federal system;

24 (vi) New entrants must be encouraged, but not to the detriment of
25 existing entities and sectors; and

26 (vii) Mechanisms and regulations must not place Washington
27 industries at a competitive disadvantage among member states.

28 (2) The department is not authorized to issue any new rules
29 implementing any elements of proposals for a regional greenhouse gas
30 reduction strategy or cap and trade policy without prior legislative
31 direction.

1 (3)"

2 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
3 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Directs the office of the governor and the department of ecology to represent the state's interest in the development of a national program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions but must protect Washington's interests without influence from any decisions made as part of the western climate initiative, and must reflect Washington's manufacturing, hydroelectric, forestry, and agricultural interests. Requires the office of the governor and the department of ecology to continue to participate and monitor efforts to create a regional cap and trade program with specific guidance. Prohibits the department of ecology from issuing any new rules implementing any elements of proposals for a regional greenhouse gas reduction strategy or cap and trade policy without prior legislative direction.

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