

ESSB 5024 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2493.6/13) **494**
By Representative Fey

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1 On page 3, line 28 of the amendment, increase the Motor Vehicle
2 Account--State Appropriation by \$50,000

3 On page 4, after line 28 of the amendment, insert the following:

4 "(3)(a) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall
5 conduct a study of registration and inspection fee programs regulating
6 gas stations and other businesses that emit gasoline vapors
7 administered by the department of ecology and air pollution control
8 authorities (collectively referred to as "regulatory agencies") as
9 provided in chapter 70.94 RCW. The goal of the study is to provide
10 recommendations to the legislature that, if implemented, would further
11 effective implementation of chapter 70.94 RCW by the regulatory
12 agencies and would result in more consistent and transparent
13 registration fees and regulations across all regulatory agencies
14 included in the study.

15 (b) The study must include, but not be limited to:

16 (i) Comparing and contrasting registration and inspection fees and
17 methodologies used in calculating fees among all regulatory agencies as
18 provided in RCW 70.94.151;

19 (ii) Comparing and contrasting inspection processes and criteria
20 among all regulatory agencies, including frequency of registration and
21 inspection of facilities; and

22 (iii) Comparing and contrasting inspection processes and criteria
23 utilized by the state's regulatory agencies with criteria established
24 by the United States environmental protection agency regulating gas
25 stations and other businesses that emit gasoline vapors. This should
26 include, but not be limited to, federal stage II vapor recovery
27 requirements and federal ozone standards and nonattainment.

28 (c) In conducting the study, the joint legislative audit and review
29 committee shall develop a stakeholder list, including representatives
30 from each regulatory agency, from the Washington oil marketers

1 association, and from other industry associations or groups. The
2 committee shall meet with stakeholders as it deems necessary, but shall
3 convene at least one meeting of all stakeholders within two months of
4 commencing the study. The committee shall submit its findings and
5 recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2014."

EFFECT: Directs the joint legislative audit and review committee to conduct a study of registration and inspection fee programs regulating gas stations and other businesses that emit gasoline vapors administered by the department of ecology and air pollution control authorities. The study must include comparing and contrasting: Registration and inspection fees and methodologies in fee calculations for all regulatory agencies; inspection processes and criteria, including registration and inspection frequencies among regulatory agencies; and inspection processes and criteria used by the state's regulatory agencies with criteria established by the United States environmental protection agency.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to develop a stakeholder list, including representatives from each regulatory agency, from the Washington oil marketers association, and from other industry associations or groups. Specifies that at least one meeting of the stakeholders occur within two months of commencing the study. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to submit its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT: Increases the Motor Vehicle Account--State Appropriation by \$50,000.

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