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1 AN ACT Relating to modernizing fuel content standards and
2 references; amending RCW 19.112.010, 19.112.020, 19.112.030,
3 19.112.050, 19.112.060, 19.112.110, 19.112.900, 42.56.270, 43.19.642,
4 43.19.646, 43.19.647, 82.08.865, 82.08.956, and 82.12.956; reenacting
5 and amending RCW 80.50.020; adding a new section to chapter 43.325
6 RCW; repealing RCW 19.112.040, 19.112.090, 19.112.120, 19.112.130,
7 19.112.140, 19.112.150, 19.112.160, 19.112.170, 19.112.180, and
8 43.19.643; and prescribing penalties.

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

10 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.112.010 and 2009 c 132 s 1 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
13 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

14 (1) (~~"Alcohol fuel" means any alcohol made from a product other~~
15 ~~than petroleum or natural gas that is used alone or in combination~~
16 ~~with gasoline or other petroleum products for use as a fuel in self-~~
17 ~~propelled motor vehicles.~~

18 (2) ~~"Alternative fuel" means all products or energy sources used~~
19 ~~to propel motor vehicles, other than conventional gasoline, diesel,~~
20 ~~or reformulated gasoline. Alternative fuel includes, but is not~~
21 ~~limited to, liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas,~~

1 ~~compressed natural gas, biodiesel fuel, E85 motor fuel, fuels~~
2 ~~containing seventy percent or more by volume of alcohol fuel, fuels~~
3 ~~that are derived from biomass, hydrogen fuel, anhydrous ammonia fuel,~~
4 ~~nonhazardous motor fuel, or electricity, excluding onboard electric~~
5 ~~generation.~~

6 ~~(3) "Biodiesel fuel" means the monoalkyl esters of long chain~~
7 ~~fatty acids derived from plant or animal matter that meet the~~
8 ~~registration requirements for fuels and fuel additives established by~~
9 ~~the federal environmental protection agency and standards established~~
10 ~~by the American society of testing and materials.~~

11 ~~(4) "Diesel" means special fuel as defined in RCW 82.38.020, and~~
12 ~~diesel fuel dyed in accordance with the regulations in 26 C.F.R. Sec.~~
13 ~~48.4082-1T as of October 24, 2005.~~

14 ~~(5)) "Director" means the director of agriculture.~~

15 ~~((6) "E85 motor fuel" means an alternative fuel that is a blend~~
16 ~~of ethanol and hydrocarbon of which the ethanol portion is nominally~~
17 ~~seventy five to eighty five percent denatured fuel ethanol by volume~~
18 ~~that complies with the most recent version of American society of~~
19 ~~testing and materials specification D 5798.~~

20 ~~(7)) (2) "Motor fuel" means: (a) Any liquid product used for the~~
21 ~~generation of power in an internal combustion engine used for the~~
22 ~~propulsion of a motor vehicle upon the highways of this state((7));~~
23 ~~(b) any diesel fuel dyed in accordance with federal regulations that~~
24 ~~is used to power a motor vehicle; and (c) any biodiesel fuel. ((Motor~~
25 ~~fuels containing ethanol may be marketed if either (a) the base motor~~
26 ~~fuel meets the applicable standards before the addition of the~~
27 ~~ethanol or (b) the resultant blend meets the applicable standards~~
28 ~~after the addition of the ethanol.~~

29 ~~(8) "Nonhazardous motor fuel" means any fuel of a type~~
30 ~~distributed for use in self-propelled motor vehicles that does not~~
31 ~~contain a hazardous liquid as defined in RCW 19.122.020.~~

32 ~~(9) "Renewable diesel" means a diesel fuel substitute produced~~
33 ~~from nonpetroleum renewable sources, including vegetable oils and~~
34 ~~animal fats, that meets the registration requirements for fuels and~~
35 ~~fuel additives established by the federal environmental protection~~
36 ~~agency in 40 C.F.R. Part 79 (2008) and meets the requirements of~~
37 ~~American society of testing and materials specification D 975.)~~

38 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.112.020 and 2010 c 96 s 1 are each amended to
39 read as follows:

1 (1) This chapter shall be administered by the director or (~~his~~
2 ~~or her~~) the director's authorized agent. (~~For the purpose of~~
3 ~~administering this chapter, for motor fuel except biodiesel fuel,~~)

4 (2)(a) The director shall adopt rules for maintaining standards
5 for motor fuel. The rules may include:

6 (i) All or part of the standards set forth in the Annual Book of
7 ASTM Standards and (~~supplements thereto,~~) amendments and revisions
8 thereof(~~, are adopted, together with~~);

9 (ii) All or part of the standards set forth in the national
10 institute of standards and technology (NIST) handbook 130, uniform
11 laws and regulations in the areas of legal metrology and engine fuel
12 quality rules, and any supplements, amendments, or revisions thereof;
13 and

14 (iii) Any applicable federal environmental protection agency
15 standards.

16 (b) If a conflict exists between federal environmental protection
17 agency standards, ASTM standards, NIST standards, or state standards,
18 for purposes of uniformity, federal environmental protection agency
19 standards shall take precedence over ASTM and NIST standards. Any
20 state standards adopted must be consistent with federal environmental
21 protection agency standards and ASTM and NIST standards not in
22 conflict with federal environmental protection agency standards.

23 (~~(+2)~~) (3) The director may establish a fuel testing laboratory
24 or may contract with a laboratory for testing.

25 (4) The director may (~~also~~) adopt rules on false and misleading
26 advertising, labeling and posting of prices, (~~and the standards~~
27 ~~for,~~) and identity of(~~er~~) motor fuels. (~~The director shall require~~
28 ~~fuel pumps offering an ethanol blend to be identified by a label~~
29 ~~stating the percentage of ethanol and fuel pumps offering a biodiesel~~
30 ~~blend of up to and including five percent to be identified by a label~~
31 ~~that states "may contain up to five percent biodiesel." Biodiesel~~
32 ~~blends above five percent shall be identified by a label stating the~~
33 ~~percentage of biodiesel being offered.~~

34 ~~(3) The rules adopted under RCW 19.112.140 shall also provide~~
35 ~~that the diesel refiner is responsible for meeting the ASTM standards~~
36 ~~required by chapter 338, Laws of 2006 when providing diesel fuel into~~
37 ~~the distribution system.)~~

38 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.112.030 and 1990 c 102 s 4 are each amended to
39 read as follows:

1 The director may:

2 (1) Enforce and administer this chapter by inspections, analyses,
3 and other appropriate actions;

4 (2) Have access during normal business hours to all places where
5 motor fuels are marketed for the purpose of examination, inspection,
6 taking of samples, and investigation. If access is refused by the
7 owner or agent or other persons leasing the same, the director or his
8 or her agent may obtain an administrative search warrant from a court
9 of competent jurisdiction;

10 (3) Collect or cause to be collected, samples of motor fuels
11 marketed in this state, and cause such samples to be tested or
12 analyzed for compliance with this chapter;

13 (4) Issue a stop-sale order for any motor fuel found not to be in
14 compliance and rescind the stop-sale order if the motor fuel is
15 brought into compliance with this chapter;

16 (5) ~~((Refuse, revoke, or suspend the registration of a motor
17 fuel;~~

18 ~~(6))~~) Delegate to authorized agents any of the responsibilities
19 for the proper administration of this chapter(~~(+~~

20 ~~(7) Establish a motor fuel testing laboratory))~~).

21 **Sec. 4.** RCW 19.112.050 and 1990 c 102 s 6 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 It is unlawful to:

24 (1) Market motor fuels in any manner that may deceive or tend to
25 deceive the purchaser as to the nature, price, quantity, and quality
26 of a motor fuel;

27 ~~(2) ((Fail to register a motor fuel;~~

28 ~~(3) Submit incorrect, misleading, or false information regarding
29 the registration of a motor fuel;~~

30 ~~(4))~~) Hinder or obstruct the director, or his or her authorized
31 agent, in the performance of his or her duties;

32 ~~((+5))~~) (3) Market a motor fuel that is contrary to this chapter.

33 **Sec. 5.** RCW 19.112.060 and 2011 c 96 s 20 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1)(a) Any person who knowingly violates any provision of this
36 chapter or rules adopted under it is guilty of a misdemeanor and,
37 upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one

1 thousand dollars or imprisonment for up to three hundred sixty-four
2 days, or both.

3 (b) The director (~~shall~~) may assess a civil penalty ranging
4 from one hundred dollars to ten thousand dollars per occurrence,
5 giving due consideration to the appropriateness of the penalty with
6 respect to the gravity of the violation, and the history of previous
7 violations. Civil penalties collected under this chapter shall be
8 deposited into the motor vehicle fund.

9 (2) The penalties in subsection (1)(a) of this section do not
10 apply to violations of RCW 19.112.110 (~~and 19.112.120~~).

11 **Sec. 6.** RCW 19.112.110 and 2013 c 225 s 601 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 ~~(1) (~~Special fuel licensees under chapter 82.38 RCW, as~~
14 ~~determined by the department of licensing, must provide evidence to~~
15 ~~the department of licensing that at least two percent of the total~~
16 ~~annual diesel fuel sold in Washington is biodiesel or renewable~~
17 ~~diesel fuel, following the earlier of: (a) November 30, 2008; or (b)~~
18 ~~when a determination is made by the director, published in the~~
19 ~~Washington State Register, that feedstock grown in Washington state~~
20 ~~can satisfy a two percent requirement.~~~~

21 ~~(2) Special fuel licensees under chapter 82.38 RCW, as determined~~
22 ~~by the department of licensing, must provide evidence to the~~
23 ~~department of licensing that at least five percent of total annual~~
24 ~~diesel fuel sold in Washington is biodiesel or renewable diesel fuel,~~
25 ~~when the director determines, and publishes this determination in the~~
26 ~~Washington State Register, that both in-state oil seed crushing~~
27 ~~capacity and feedstock grown in Washington state can satisfy a three-~~
28 ~~percent requirement.~~

29 ~~(3) The requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section~~
30 ~~may take effect no sooner than one hundred eighty days after the~~
31 ~~determination has been published in the Washington State Register.~~

32 ~~(4))~~ Beginning January 1, 2019, all diesel fuel sold or offered
33 for sale in Washington for use in motor vehicles upon the highways of
34 the state must contain at least five percent biodiesel by volume.

35 (2) The director (~~and the director of licensing must each~~) may
36 adopt rules(~~, in coordination with each other,~~) for enforcing and
37 carrying out the purposes of this section.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 19.112.900 and 1990 c 102 s 11 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (~~RCW 19.112.005 through 19.112.080 shall constitute a new~~
4 ~~chapter in Title 19 RCW and~~) This chapter may be known and cited as
5 the motor fuel quality act.

6 **Sec. 8.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2017 c 317 s 17 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information
9 is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

10 (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or
11 object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five
12 years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce
13 private gain and public loss;

14 (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,
15 firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or
16 proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as
17 required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway
18 construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

19 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
20 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters
21 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects
22 under RCW 43.23.035;

23 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
24 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program
25 services provided by chapters 43.325, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and
26 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or
27 program services provided by any local agency;

28 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports,
29 and any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
30 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
31 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

32 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
33 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
34 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
35 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the
36 providers of this information;

37 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

38 (~~Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and~~
39 ~~research information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean~~

1 ~~Washington center in applications for, or delivery of, program~~
2 ~~services under chapter 70.95H RCW;~~

3 ~~(9))~~) Financial and commercial information requested by the
4 public stadium authority from any person or organization that leases
5 or uses the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW
6 36.102.010;

7 ~~((10))~~) (9)(a) Financial information, including but not limited
8 to account numbers and values, and other identification numbers
9 supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited
10 liability company, partnership, or other entity related to an
11 application for a horse racing license submitted pursuant to RCW
12 67.16.260(1)(b), marijuana producer, processor, or retailer license,
13 liquor license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

14 (b) Internal control documents, independent auditors' reports and
15 financial statements, and supporting documents: (i) Of house-banked
16 social card game licensees required by the gambling commission
17 pursuant to rules adopted under chapter 9.46 RCW; or (ii) submitted
18 by tribes with an approved tribal/state compact for class III gaming;

19 ~~((11))~~) (10) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other
20 information that relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of
21 conducting business; (b) data unique to the product or services of
22 the vendor; or (c) determining prices or rates to be charged for
23 services, submitted by any vendor to the department of social and
24 health services for purposes of the development, acquisition, or
25 implementation of state purchased health care as defined in RCW
26 41.05.011;

27 ~~((12))~~) (11)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the
28 department of commerce:

29 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any
30 person and provided to the department of commerce pursuant to RCW
31 43.330.050(8); and

32 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any
33 person and provided to the department of commerce or the office of
34 the governor in connection with the siting, recruitment, expansion,
35 retention, or relocation of that person's business and until a siting
36 decision is made, identifying information of any person supplying
37 information under this subsection and the locations being considered
38 for siting, relocation, or expansion of a business;

1 (b) When developed by the department of commerce based on
2 information as described in (a)(i) of this subsection, any work
3 product is not exempt from disclosure;

4 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means
5 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

6 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to
7 the department of commerce from a person connected with siting,
8 recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that person's
9 business, information described in (a)(ii) of this subsection will be
10 available to the public under this chapter;

11 ~~((13))~~ (12) Financial and proprietary information submitted to
12 or obtained by the department of ecology or the authority created
13 under chapter 70.95N RCW to implement chapter 70.95N RCW;

14 ~~((14))~~ (13) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical
15 and research information and data submitted to or obtained by the
16 life sciences discovery fund authority in applications for, or
17 delivery of, grants under chapter 43.350 RCW, to the extent that such
18 information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in
19 private loss to the providers of this information;

20 ~~((15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence
21 to the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or
22 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does
23 not permit the identification of information related to individual
24 fuel licensees;~~

25 ~~(16))~~ (14) Any production records, mineral assessments, and
26 trade secrets submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or
27 landowner to the department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085;

28 ~~((17))~~ (15)(a) Farm plans developed by conservation districts,
29 unless permission to release the farm plan is granted by the
30 landowner or operator who requested the plan, or the farm plan is
31 used for the application or issuance of a permit;

32 (b) Farm plans developed under chapter 90.48 RCW and not under
33 the federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 et seq., are subject
34 to RCW 42.56.610 and 90.64.190;

35 ~~((18))~~ (16) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical
36 and research information and data submitted to or obtained by a
37 health sciences and services authority in applications for, or
38 delivery of, grants under RCW 35.104.010 through 35.104.060, to the
39 extent that such information, if revealed, would reasonably be
40 expected to result in private loss to providers of this information;

1 ~~((+19+))~~ (17) Information gathered under chapter 19.85 RCW or RCW
2 34.05.328 that can be identified to a particular business;

3 ~~((+20+))~~ (18) Financial and commercial information submitted to
4 or obtained by the University of Washington, other than information
5 the university is required to disclose under RCW 28B.20.150, when the
6 information relates to investments in private funds, to the extent
7 that such information, if revealed, would reasonably be expected to
8 result in loss to the University of Washington consolidated endowment
9 fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
10 information;

11 ~~((+21+))~~ (19) Market share data submitted by a manufacturer under
12 RCW 70.95N.190(4);

13 ~~((+22+))~~ (20) Financial information supplied to the department of
14 financial institutions ~~((or to a portal under RCW 21.20.883,))~~ when
15 filed by or on behalf of an issuer of securities for the purpose of
16 obtaining the exemption from state securities registration for small
17 securities offerings provided under RCW 21.20.880 or when filed by or
18 on behalf of an investor for the purpose of purchasing such
19 securities;

20 ~~((+23+))~~ (21) Unaggregated or individual notices of a transfer of
21 crude oil that is financial, proprietary, or commercial information,
22 submitted to the department of ecology pursuant to RCW
23 90.56.565(1)(a), and that is in the possession of the department of
24 ecology or any entity with which the department of ecology has shared
25 the notice pursuant to RCW 90.56.565;

26 ~~((+24+))~~ (22) Financial institution and retirement account
27 information, and building security plan information, supplied to the
28 liquor and cannabis board pursuant to RCW 69.50.325, 69.50.331,
29 69.50.342, and 69.50.345, when filed by or on behalf of a licensee or
30 prospective licensee for the purpose of obtaining, maintaining, or
31 renewing a license to produce, process, transport, or sell marijuana
32 as allowed under chapter 69.50 RCW;

33 ~~((+25+))~~ (23) Marijuana transport information, vehicle and driver
34 identification data, and account numbers or unique access identifiers
35 issued to private entities for traceability system access, submitted
36 by an individual or business to the liquor and cannabis board under
37 the requirements of RCW 69.50.325, 69.50.331, 69.50.342, and
38 69.50.345 for the purpose of marijuana product traceability.
39 Disclosure to local, state, and federal officials is not considered
40 public disclosure for purposes of this section;

1 ~~((+26))~~ (24) Financial and commercial information submitted to
2 or obtained by the retirement board of any city that is responsible
3 for the management of an employees' retirement system pursuant to the
4 authority of chapter 35.39 RCW, when the information relates to
5 investments in private funds, to the extent that such information, if
6 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in loss to the
7 retirement fund or to result in private loss to the providers of this
8 information except that (a) the names and commitment amounts of the
9 private funds in which retirement funds are invested and (b) the
10 aggregate quarterly performance results for a retirement fund's
11 portfolio of investments in such funds are subject to disclosure;

12 ~~((+27))~~ (25) Proprietary financial, commercial, operations, and
13 technical and research information and data submitted to or obtained
14 by the liquor and cannabis board in applications for marijuana
15 research licenses under RCW 69.50.372, or in reports submitted by
16 marijuana research licensees in accordance with rules adopted by the
17 liquor and cannabis board under RCW 69.50.372; and

18 ~~((+28))~~ (26) Trade secrets, technology, proprietary information,
19 and financial considerations contained in any agreements or
20 contracts, entered into by a licensed marijuana business under RCW
21 69.50.395, which may be submitted to or obtained by the state liquor
22 and cannabis board.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 43.19.642 and 2017 c 313 s 703 are each amended to
24 read as follows:

25 (1) ~~((Effective June 1, 2006, for agencies complying with the
26 ultra-low sulfur diesel mandate of the United States environmental
27 protection agency for on-highway diesel fuel, agencies shall use
28 biodiesel as an additive to ultra-low sulfur diesel for lubricity,
29 provided that the use of a lubricity additive is warranted and that
30 the use of biodiesel is comparable in performance and cost with other
31 available lubricity additives. The amount of biodiesel added to the
32 ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel shall be not less than two percent.~~

33 ~~(+2))~~ Except as provided in subsection ~~((+5))~~ (2) of this
34 section, effective June 1, 2009, state agencies are required to use a
35 minimum of twenty percent biodiesel as compared to total volume of
36 all diesel purchases made by the agencies for the operation of the
37 agencies' diesel-powered vessels, vehicles, and construction
38 equipment.

1 ~~((3) All state agencies using biodiesel fuel shall, beginning on~~
2 ~~July 1, 2016, file annual reports with the department of enterprise~~
3 ~~services documenting the use of the fuel and a description of how any~~
4 ~~problems encountered were resolved.~~

5 ~~(4) By December 1, 2009, the department of enterprise services~~
6 ~~shall:~~

7 ~~(a) Report to the legislature on the average true price~~
8 ~~differential for biodiesel by blend and location; and~~

9 ~~(b) Examine alternative fuel procurement methods that work to~~
10 ~~address potential market barriers for in-state biodiesel producers~~
11 ~~and report these findings to the legislature.~~

12 ~~(5))~~ (2) During the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia, the
13 Washington state ferries is required to use a minimum of five percent
14 biodiesel as compared to total volume of all diesel purchases made by
15 the Washington state ferries for the operation of the Washington
16 state ferries diesel-powered vessels, as long as the price of a B5
17 biodiesel blend does not exceed the price of conventional diesel fuel
18 by five percent or more.

19 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.19.646 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 237 are each
20 amended to read as follows:

21 ~~((1))~~ The department must assist state agencies seeking to meet
22 the biodiesel fuel requirements in RCW 43.19.642 by coordinating the
23 purchase and delivery of biodiesel if requested by any state agency.
24 The department may use long-term contracts of up to ten years, when
25 purchasing from in-state suppliers who use predominantly in-state
26 feedstock, to secure a sufficient and stable supply of biodiesel for
27 use by state agencies.

28 ~~((2) The department shall compile and analyze the reports~~
29 ~~submitted under RCW 43.19.642(3) and report in an electronic format~~
30 ~~its findings and recommendations to the governor and committees of~~
31 ~~the legislature with responsibility for energy issues, within sixty~~
32 ~~days from the end of each reporting period. The governor shall~~
33 ~~consider these reports in determining whether to temporarily suspend~~
34 ~~minimum renewable fuel content requirements as authorized under RCW~~
35 ~~19.112.160.))~~

36 **Sec. 11.** RCW 43.19.647 and 2015 c 225 s 65 are each amended to
37 read as follows:

1 (1) In order to allow the motor vehicle fuel needs of state and
2 local government to be satisfied by Washington-produced biofuels as
3 provided in this chapter, the department of enterprise services as
4 well as local governments may contract in advance and execute
5 contracts with public or private producers, suppliers, or other
6 parties, for the purchase of appropriate biofuels, as ~~((that))~~ the
7 term "biofuel" is defined in ~~((RCW 43.325.010))~~ section 12 of this
8 act, and biofuel blends. Contract provisions may address items
9 including, but not limited to, fuel standards, price, and delivery
10 date.

11 (2) The department of enterprise services may combine the needs
12 of local government agencies, including ports, special districts,
13 school districts, and municipal corporations, for the purposes of
14 executing contracts for biofuels and to secure a sufficient and
15 stable supply of alternative fuels.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 43.325
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
19 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

20 (1) "Biofuel" means a liquid or gaseous fuel produced from
21 biogenic, nonpetroleum feedstocks, including but not limited to
22 biodiesel, renewable diesel, ethanol, and renewable natural gas.

23 (2) "Department" means the department of commerce.

24 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of commerce.

25 **Sec. 13.** RCW 80.50.020 and 2010 c 152 s 1 are each reenacted and
26 amended to read as follows:

27 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
28 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

29 (1) "Alternative energy resource" includes energy facilities of
30 the following types: (a) Wind; (b) solar energy; (c) geothermal
31 energy; (d) landfill gas; (e) wave or tidal action; or (f) biomass
32 energy based on solid organic fuels from wood, forest, or field
33 residues, or dedicated energy crops that do not include wood pieces
34 that have been treated with chemical preservatives such as creosote,
35 pentachlorophenol, or copper-chrome-arsenic.

36 (2) "Applicant" means any person who makes application for a site
37 certification pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

1 (3) "Application" means any request for approval of a particular
2 site or sites filed in accordance with the procedures established
3 pursuant to this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires.

4 (4) "Associated facilities" means storage, transmission,
5 handling, or other related and supporting facilities connecting an
6 energy plant with the existing energy supply, processing, or
7 distribution system, including, but not limited to, communications,
8 controls, mobilizing or maintenance equipment, instrumentation, and
9 other types of ancillary transmission equipment, off-line storage or
10 venting required for efficient operation or safety of the
11 transmission system and overhead, and surface or subsurface lines of
12 physical access for the inspection, maintenance, and safe operations
13 of the transmission facility and new transmission lines constructed
14 to operate at nominal voltages of at least 115,000 volts to connect a
15 thermal power plant or alternative energy facilities to the northwest
16 power grid. However, common carrier railroads or motor vehicles shall
17 not be included.

18 (5) "Biofuel" has the same meaning as defined in ((RCW
19 ~~43.325.010~~)) section 12 of this act.

20 (6) "Certification" means a binding agreement between an
21 applicant and the state which shall embody compliance to the siting
22 guidelines, in effect as of the date of certification, which have
23 been adopted pursuant to RCW 80.50.040 as now or hereafter amended as
24 conditions to be met prior to or concurrent with the construction or
25 operation of any energy facility.

26 (7) "Construction" means on-site improvements, excluding
27 exploratory work, which cost in excess of two hundred fifty thousand
28 dollars.

29 (8) "Council" means the energy facility site evaluation council
30 created by RCW 80.50.030.

31 (9) "Counsel for the environment" means an assistant attorney
32 general or a special assistant attorney general who shall represent
33 the public in accordance with RCW 80.50.080.

34 (10) "Electrical transmission facilities" means electrical power
35 lines and related equipment.

36 (11) "Energy facility" means an energy plant or transmission
37 facilities: PROVIDED, That the following are excluded from the
38 provisions of this chapter:

39 (a) Facilities for the extraction, conversion, transmission or
40 storage of water, other than water specifically consumed or

1 discharged by energy production or conversion for energy purposes;
2 and

3 (b) Facilities operated by and for the armed services for
4 military purposes or by other federal authority for the national
5 defense.

6 (12) "Energy plant" means the following facilities together with
7 their associated facilities:

8 (a) Any nuclear power facility where the primary purpose is to
9 produce and sell electricity;

10 (b) Any nonnuclear stationary thermal power plant with generating
11 capacity of three hundred fifty thousand kilowatts or more, measured
12 using maximum continuous electric generating capacity, less minimum
13 auxiliary load, at average ambient temperature and pressure, and
14 floating thermal power plants of one hundred thousand kilowatts or
15 more suspended on the surface of water by means of a barge, vessel,
16 or other floating platform;

17 (c) Facilities which will have the capacity to receive liquefied
18 natural gas in the equivalent of more than one hundred million
19 standard cubic feet of natural gas per day, which has been
20 transported over marine waters;

21 (d) Facilities which will have the capacity to receive more than
22 an average of fifty thousand barrels per day of crude or refined
23 petroleum or liquefied petroleum gas which has been or will be
24 transported over marine waters, except that the provisions of this
25 chapter shall not apply to storage facilities unless occasioned by
26 such new facility construction;

27 (e) Any underground reservoir for receipt and storage of natural
28 gas as defined in RCW 80.40.010 capable of delivering an average of
29 more than one hundred million standard cubic feet of natural gas per
30 day; and

31 (f) Facilities capable of processing more than twenty-five
32 thousand barrels per day of petroleum or biofuel into refined
33 products except where such biofuel production is undertaken at
34 existing industrial facilities.

35 (13) "Independent consultants" means those persons who have no
36 financial interest in the applicant's proposals and who are retained
37 by the council to evaluate the applicant's proposals, supporting
38 studies, or to conduct additional studies.

39 (14) "Land use plan" means a comprehensive plan or land use
40 element thereof adopted by a unit of local government pursuant to

1 chapter 35.63, 35A.63, 36.70, or 36.70A RCW, or as otherwise
2 designated by chapter 325, Laws of 2007.

3 (15) "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint venture,
4 private or public corporation, association, firm, public service
5 company, political subdivision, municipal corporation, government
6 agency, public utility district, or any other entity, public or
7 private, however organized.

8 (16) "Preapplicant" means a person considering applying for a
9 site certificate agreement for any transmission facility.

10 (17) "Preapplication process" means the process which is
11 initiated by written correspondence from the preapplicant to the
12 council, and includes the process adopted by the council for
13 consulting with the preapplicant and with cities, towns, and counties
14 prior to accepting applications for all transmission facilities.

15 (18) "Secretary" means the secretary of the United States
16 department of energy.

17 (19) "Site" means any proposed or approved location of an energy
18 facility, alternative energy resource, or electrical transmission
19 facility.

20 (20) "Thermal power plant" means, for the purpose of
21 certification, any electrical generating facility using any fuel for
22 distribution of electricity by electric utilities.

23 (21) "Transmission facility" means any of the following together
24 with their associated facilities:

25 (a) Crude or refined petroleum or liquid petroleum product
26 transmission pipeline of the following dimensions: A pipeline larger
27 than six inches minimum inside diameter between valves for the
28 transmission of these products with a total length of at least
29 fifteen miles;

30 (b) Natural gas, synthetic fuel gas, or liquefied petroleum gas
31 transmission pipeline of the following dimensions: A pipeline larger
32 than fourteen inches minimum inside diameter between valves, for the
33 transmission of these products, with a total length of at least
34 fifteen miles for the purpose of delivering gas to a distribution
35 facility, except an interstate natural gas pipeline regulated by the
36 United States federal power commission.

37 (22) "Zoning ordinance" means an ordinance of a unit of local
38 government regulating the use of land and adopted pursuant to chapter
39 35.63, 35A.63, 36.70, or 36.70A RCW or Article XI of the state

1 Constitution, or as otherwise designated by chapter 325, Laws of
2 2007.

3 **Sec. 14.** RCW 82.08.865 and 2010 c 106 s 218 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of
6 diesel fuel, biodiesel fuel, or aircraft fuel, to a farm fuel user
7 for agricultural purposes. This exemption applies to a fuel blend if
8 all of the component fuels of the blend would otherwise be exempt
9 under this subsection if the component fuels were sold as separate
10 products. This exemption is available only if the buyer provides the
11 seller with an exemption certificate in a form and manner prescribed
12 by the department.

13 (2) The definitions in RCW 82.04.213 and this subsection apply to
14 this section.

15 (a)(i) "Agricultural purposes" means the performance of
16 activities directly related to the growing, raising, or producing of
17 agricultural products.

18 (ii) "Agricultural purposes" does not include: (A) Heating space
19 for human habitation or water for human consumption; or (B)
20 transporting on public roads individuals, agricultural products, farm
21 machinery or equipment, or other tangible personal property, except
22 when the transportation is incidental to transportation on private
23 property and the fuel used for such transportation is not subject to
24 tax under chapter 82.38 RCW.

25 (b) "Aircraft fuel" is defined as provided in RCW 82.42.010.

26 (c) "Biodiesel fuel" (~~is defined as provided in RCW 19.112.010~~)
27 means biodiesel that meets the fuel standards adopted under chapter
28 19.112 RCW.

29 (d) "Diesel fuel" is defined as provided in 26 U.S.C. 4083, as
30 amended or renumbered as of January 1, 2006.

31 (e) "Farm fuel user" means: (i) A farmer; or (ii) a person who
32 provides horticultural services for farmers, such as soil preparation
33 services, crop cultivation services, and crop harvesting services.

34 **Sec. 15.** RCW 82.08.956 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 1002 are each
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of
37 hog fuel used to produce electricity, steam, heat, or biofuel in
38 Washington state. This exemption is available only if the buyer

1 provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form and
2 manner prescribed by the department. The seller must retain a copy of
3 the certificate for the seller's files.

4 (2) For the purposes of this section the following definitions
5 apply:

6 (a) "Hog fuel" means wood waste and other wood residuals
7 including forest derived biomass. "Hog fuel" does not include
8 firewood or wood pellets; and

9 (b) "Biofuel" has the same meaning as provided in ((RCW
10 ~~43.325.010~~)) section 12 of this act.

11 (3) If a taxpayer who claimed an exemption under this section
12 closes a facility in Washington for which employment positions were
13 reported under RCW 82.32.605, resulting in a loss of jobs located
14 within the state, the department must declare the amount of the tax
15 exemption claimed under this section for the previous two calendar
16 years to be immediately due.

17 (4) This section expires June 30, 2024.

18 **Sec. 16.** RCW 82.12.956 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 1003 are each
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to
21 the use of hog fuel for production of electricity, steam, heat, or
22 biofuel in Washington state.

23 (2) For the purposes of this section:

24 (a) "Hog fuel" has the same meaning as provided in RCW 82.08.956;
25 and

26 (b) "Biofuel" has the same meaning as provided in RCW
27 ((~~43.325.010~~)) 82.08.956.

28 (3) This section expires June 30, 2024.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** The following acts or parts of acts are
30 each repealed:

31 (1) RCW 19.112.040 (Motor fuel registration) and 1990 c 102 s 5;

32 (2) RCW 19.112.090 (Air pollution reduction—Variances from ASTM)
33 and 1991 c 199 s 231;

34 (3) RCW 19.112.120 (Motor vehicle fuel licensees—Required sales
35 of denatured ethanol—Rules—Limitation of section) and 2013 c 225 s
36 602, 2007 c 309 s 2, & 2006 c 338 s 3;

1 (4) RCW 19.112.130 (Information submitted under RCW 19.112.110 or
2 19.112.120—Limitation on release) and 2006 c 338 s 4 are each
3 repealed;

4 (5) RCW 19.112.140 (Standards for biodiesel fuel/fuel blended
5 with biodiesel fuel—Rules) and 2006 c 338 s 7;

6 (6) RCW 19.112.150 (Biofuels advisory committee) and 2006 c 338 s
7 9;

8 (7) RCW 19.112.160 (Governor's authority to suspend certain
9 minimum renewable fuel content requirements) and 2006 c 338 s 11;

10 (8) RCW 19.112.170 (Determination of the supply of certain fuels—
11 Notification—Declaration concerning the applicability of RCW
12 19.112.110 or 19.112.120) and 2006 c 338 s 13;

13 (9) RCW 19.112.180 (Goals under RCW 19.112.170—Report—Executive
14 request legislation) and 2006 c 338 s 14; and

15 (10) RCW 43.19.643 (Biodiesel fuel blends—Definitions) and 2003 c
16 17 s 3.

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