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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting resource conservation practices that
2 include student education and leadership opportunities in public
3 schools; adding new sections to chapter 28A.300 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that resource
7 conservation practices can have broad application and value in
8 Washington's public schools, especially if students are active
9 participants in the programs and have appropriate education and
10 leadership opportunities.

11 (2) The legislature, therefore, intends to create new and
12 expanded opportunities for student-involved resource conservation
13 practices in public schools through the establishment of a voluntary
14 green schools program that includes limited stipend funding for
15 school-based advisors. The legislature further intends for the
16 program, which will support awareness of environmental and climate
17 resilience issues, to be funded with revenues from the climate
18 commitment act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The Washington state green schools program is established in
2 the office of the superintendent of public instruction to create and
3 expand resource conservation practices in public schools, including:
4 Waste reduction, energy reduction, water conservation, urban forestry
5 education, and environmental preservation; and education and
6 leadership opportunities for students seeking to promote conservation
7 practices in their schools.

8 (2) The green schools program is voluntary and is intended to:

9 (a) Complement resource conservation programs for school
10 districts and public schools that are established by counties or
11 other entities by, in part, providing increased opportunities for
12 student education and leadership in resource conservation practices;

13 (b) Provide opportunities for school districts and public schools
14 that cannot access or are not participating in resource conservation
15 programs to establish and promote resource conservation programs that
16 include student education and leadership opportunities;

17 (c) Support instruction in climate curriculum aligned with the
18 state learning standards for science and integrated environmental and
19 sustainability;

20 (d) Provide opportunities for school districts and public schools
21 to collaborate with the department of natural resources for the
22 purposes of schoolyard greening projects, schoolyard forests, and
23 career-connected learning related to natural resource job
24 opportunities within the national forest school forest system network
25 and other urban forestry projects; and

26 (e) Complement education programs related to resource
27 conservation practices, and outdoor-based learning and education
28 experiences, including outdoor schools.

29 (3) For the purposes of this section, "public schools" has the
30 same meaning as in RCW 28A.150.010.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
34 specific purpose, the office of the superintendent of public
35 instruction shall establish and administer a program to provide
36 school-based advisor stipend assistance to school districts for the
37 purpose of creating or expanding resource conservation practices in
38 accordance with section 2 of this act. In administering the stipend
39 program, the office of the superintendent of public instruction may

1 establish criteria for awarding stipend funds that prioritizes
2 schools and school districts where more than 50 percent of the
3 students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

4 (2) School districts that participate in the Washington state
5 green schools program established in section 2 of this act may, on
6 forms developed by the office of the superintendent of public
7 instruction, apply for stipend funds for school-based advisors that
8 assist students in learning about, promoting, and implementing
9 resource conservation practices in school facilities. Stipend funds
10 provided in accordance with this section may not exceed \$600 per
11 school, per year, but the amount received may depend upon the number
12 of applicant school districts and available funding. Nothing in this
13 section prevents school districts from providing additional funding
14 for school-based advisors.

15 (3) For the purposes of this section, "school districts" include
16 school districts, charter schools established under chapter 28A.710
17 RCW, and state-tribal education compact schools subject to chapter
18 28A.715 RCW.

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