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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Concerning transportation resources.

1 AN ACT Relating to transportation resources; amending RCW  
2 82.38.030, 82.38.075, 46.68.090, 46.17.005, 46.17.040, 46.17.323,  
3 46.17.324, 46.17.355, 46.17.365, 46.17.365, 70A.205.405, 70A.205.425,  
4 70A.205.430, 46.17.380, 46.68.175, 82.08.020, 82.32.145, 47.60.315,  
5 28B.30.903, 47.04.350, and 47.04.355; adding a new section to chapter  
6 82.38 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.08 RCW; adding a new  
7 section to chapter 46.17 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 82.08  
8 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 82.12 RCW; adding new sections to  
9 chapter 47.60 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW;  
10 creating new sections; prescribing penalties; providing effective  
11 dates; providing a contingent effective date; providing expiration  
12 dates; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the purpose of  
15 the transportation system is to support the mobility needs of  
16 Washington residents, as well as to sustain and foster the economic  
17 activity and growth of the state. The legislature recognizes that the  
18 transportation system has pressing near, mid, and long-term needs  
19 that necessitate reliance on reliable funding sources. The  
20 legislature also recognizes that the state and nation have faced  
21 dramatically increasing construction costs and declining fuel tax

1 revenue due to the increasing fuel economy of motor vehicles. The  
2 legislature therefore intends to establish additional transportation  
3 revenue sources from a range of sources to ensure that Washington's  
4 transportation system continues to deliver the level of service that  
5 residents depend on and that fuels the state's economy and growth.

6 **PART I: MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX**

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101.** A new section is added to chapter 82.38  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 When adjusting fees required to be adjusted annually according to  
10 the methodology described in this section, the fee must be increased  
11 by the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal  
12 consumption expenditures for the United States, as published by the  
13 bureau of economic analysis of the United States department of  
14 commerce, for the most recent calendar year as compared to the  
15 deflator for the later of the calendar year in which this section  
16 takes effect or the calendar year in which the fee is established or  
17 updated. The result must be rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of  
18 \$1.

19 **Sec. 102.** RCW 82.38.030 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 103 are each  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 (1) There is levied and imposed upon fuel licensees a tax at the  
22 rate of (~~twenty-three~~) 23 cents per gallon of fuel.

23 (2) Beginning July 1, 2003, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
24 of five cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel licensees. This  
25 subsection (2) expires when the bonds issued for transportation 2003  
26 projects are retired.

27 (3) Beginning July 1, 2005, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
28 of three cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel licensees.

29 (4) Beginning July 1, 2006, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
30 of three cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel licensees.

31 (5) Beginning July 1, 2007, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
32 of two cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel licensees.

33 (6) Beginning July 1, 2008, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
34 of one and one-half cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel  
35 licensees.

36 (7) Beginning August 1, 2015, an additional and cumulative tax  
37 rate of seven cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel licensees.

1 (8) Beginning July 1, 2016, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
2 of four and nine-tenths cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel  
3 licensees.

4 (9) Beginning July 1, 2025, an additional and cumulative tax rate  
5 of nine cents per gallon of fuel is imposed on fuel licensees.

6 (10) Beginning July 1, 2025, an additional and cumulative tax  
7 rate of three cents per gallon of special fuel is imposed on fuel  
8 licensees.

9 (11) Beginning July 1, 2027, an additional and cumulative tax  
10 rate of three cents per gallon of special fuel is imposed on fuel  
11 licensees.

12 (12)(a) Beginning July 1, 2026, the fuel tax rates imposed under  
13 subsections (1) through (9) of this section must be adjusted annually  
14 using the methodology established in section 101 of this act.

15 (b) Beginning July 1, 2028, the fuel tax rate imposed under  
16 subsections (10) and (11) of this section must be adjusted annually  
17 using the methodology established in section 101 of this act.

18 (13) Taxes are imposed when:

19 (a) Fuel is removed in this state from a terminal if the fuel is  
20 removed at the rack unless the removal is by a licensed supplier or  
21 distributor for direct delivery to a destination outside of the  
22 state, or the removal is by a fuel supplier for direct delivery to an  
23 international fuel tax agreement licensee under RCW 82.38.320;

24 (b) Fuel is removed in this state from a refinery if either of  
25 the following applies:

26 (i) The removal is by bulk transfer and the refiner or the owner  
27 of the fuel immediately before the removal is not a licensed  
28 supplier; or

29 (ii) The removal is at the refinery rack unless the removal is to  
30 a licensed supplier or distributor for direct delivery to a  
31 destination outside of the state, or the removal is to a licensed  
32 supplier for direct delivery to an international fuel tax agreement  
33 licensee under RCW 82.38.320;

34 (c) Fuel enters into this state for sale, consumption, use, or  
35 storage, unless the fuel enters this state for direct delivery to an  
36 international fuel tax agreement licensee under RCW 82.38.320, if  
37 either of the following applies:

38 (i) The entry is by bulk transfer and the importer is not a  
39 licensed supplier; or

40 (ii) The entry is not by bulk transfer;

1 (d) Fuel enters this state by means outside the bulk transfer-  
2 terminal system and is delivered directly to a licensed terminal  
3 unless the owner is a licensed distributor or supplier;

4 (e) Fuel is sold or removed in this state to an unlicensed entity  
5 unless there was a prior taxable removal, entry, or sale of the fuel;

6 (f) Blended fuel is removed or sold in this state by the blender  
7 of the fuel. The number of gallons of blended fuel subject to tax is  
8 the difference between the total number of gallons of blended fuel  
9 removed or sold and the number of gallons of previously taxed fuel  
10 used to produce the blended fuel;

11 (g) Dyed special fuel is used on a highway, as authorized by the  
12 internal revenue code, unless the use is exempt from the fuel tax;

13 (h) Dyed special fuel is held for sale, sold, used, or is  
14 intended to be used in violation of this chapter;

15 (i) Special fuel purchased by an international fuel tax agreement  
16 licensee under RCW 82.38.320 is used on a highway; and

17 (j) Fuel is sold by a licensed fuel supplier to a fuel  
18 distributor or fuel blender and the fuel is not removed from the bulk  
19 transfer-terminal system.

20 **Sec. 103.** RCW 82.38.075 and 2014 c 216 s 202 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) To encourage the use of nonpolluting fuels, an annual license  
23 fee in lieu of the tax imposed by RCW 82.38.030 is imposed upon the  
24 use of liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, or propane used  
25 in any motor vehicle. The annual license fee must be based upon the  
26 following schedule and formula:

VEHICLE TONNAGE (GVW)	FEE
0 - 6,000	\$ 45
6,001 - 10,000	\$ 45
10,001 - 18,000	\$ 80
18,001 - 28,000	\$110
28,001 - 36,000	\$150
36,001 and above	\$250

34 (2) To determine the annual license fee for a registration year,  
35 the appropriate dollar amount in the schedule is multiplied by the  
36 cumulative fuel tax rate per gallon of special fuel effective on July

1 1st of the preceding calendar year and the product is divided by 12  
2 cents.

3 (3) The department, in addition to the resulting fee, must charge  
4 an additional fee of (~~five dollars~~) \$5 as a handling charge for  
5 each license issued.

6 (4) The vehicle tonnage fee must be prorated so the annual  
7 license will correspond with the staggered vehicle licensing system.

8 (5) A decal or other identifying device issued upon payment of  
9 the annual fee must be displayed as prescribed by the department as  
10 authority to purchase this fuel.

11 (6) Persons selling or dispensing natural gas or propane may not  
12 sell or dispense this fuel for their own use or the use of others  
13 into tanks of vehicles powered by this fuel which do not display a  
14 valid decal or other identifying device.

15 (7) Commercial motor vehicles registered in a foreign  
16 jurisdiction under the provisions of the international registration  
17 plan are subject to the annual fee.

18 (8) Motor vehicles registered in a foreign jurisdiction, except  
19 those registered under the international registration plan under  
20 chapter 46.87 RCW, are exempt from this section.

21 (9) Vehicles registered in jurisdictions outside the state of  
22 Washington are exempt from this section.

23 (10) Any person selling or dispensing liquefied natural gas,  
24 compressed natural gas, or propane into the tank of a motor vehicle  
25 powered by this fuel, except as prescribed in this chapter, is  
26 subject to the penalty provisions of this chapter.

27 **Sec. 104.** RCW 46.68.090 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 105 are each  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (1) All moneys that have accrued or may accrue to the motor  
30 vehicle fund from the fuel tax must be first expended for purposes  
31 enumerated in (a) and (b) of this subsection. The remaining net tax  
32 amount must be distributed monthly by the state treasurer in  
33 accordance with subsections (2) through (~~(8)~~) (9) of this section.

34 (a) For payment of refunds of fuel tax that has been paid and is  
35 refundable as provided by law;

36 (b) For payment of amounts to be expended pursuant to  
37 appropriations for the administrative expenses of the offices of  
38 state treasurer, state auditor, and the department of licensing of

1 the state of Washington in the administration of the fuel tax, which  
2 sums must be distributed monthly.

3 (2) All of the remaining net tax amount collected under RCW  
4 82.38.030(1) must be distributed as set forth in (a) through (j) of  
5 this subsection.

6 (a) For distribution to the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to  
7 44.387 percent to be expended for highway purposes of the state as  
8 defined in RCW 46.68.130;

9 (b)(i) For distribution to the special category C account, hereby  
10 created in the motor vehicle fund, an amount equal to 3.2609 percent  
11 to be expended for special category C projects. Special category C  
12 projects are category C projects that, due to high cost only, will  
13 require bond financing to complete construction.

14 (ii) The following criteria, listed in order of priority, must be  
15 used in determining which special category C projects have the  
16 highest priority:

17 (A) Accident experience;

18 (B) Fatal accident experience;

19 (C) Capacity to move people and goods safely and at reasonable  
20 speeds without undue congestion; and

21 (D) Continuity of development of the highway transportation  
22 network.

23 (iii) Moneys deposited in the special category C account in the  
24 motor vehicle fund may be used for payment of debt service on bonds  
25 the proceeds of which are used to finance special category C projects  
26 under this subsection (2)(b);

27 (c) For distribution to the Puget Sound ferry operations account  
28 in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.3283 percent;

29 (d) For distribution to the Puget Sound capital construction  
30 account in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.3726 percent;

31 (e) For distribution to the transportation improvement account in  
32 the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 7.5597 percent;

33 (f) For distribution to the transportation improvement account in  
34 the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 5.6739 percent and expended  
35 in accordance with RCW 47.26.086;

36 (g) For distribution to the cities and towns from the motor  
37 vehicle fund an amount equal to 10.6961 percent in accordance with  
38 RCW 46.68.110;

39 (h) For distribution to the counties from the motor vehicle fund  
40 an amount equal to 19.2287 percent: (i) Out of which there must be

1 distributed from time to time, as directed by the department of  
2 transportation, those sums as may be necessary to carry out the  
3 provisions of RCW 47.56.725; and (ii) less any amounts appropriated  
4 to the county road administration board to implement the provisions  
5 of RCW 47.56.725(4), with the balance of such county share to be  
6 distributed monthly as the same accrues for distribution in  
7 accordance with RCW 46.68.120;

8 (i) For distribution to the county arterial preservation account,  
9 hereby created in the motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 1.9565  
10 percent. These funds must be distributed by the county road  
11 administration board to counties in proportions corresponding to the  
12 number of paved arterial lane miles in the unincorporated area of  
13 each county and must be used for improvements to sustain the  
14 structural, safety, and operational integrity of county arterials.  
15 The county road administration board must adopt reasonable rules and  
16 develop policies to implement this program and to assure that a  
17 pavement management system is used;

18 (j) For distribution to the rural arterial trust account in the  
19 motor vehicle fund an amount equal to 2.5363 percent and expended in  
20 accordance with RCW 36.79.020.

21 (3) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.38.030(2)  
22 must be distributed to the transportation 2003 account (nickel  
23 account).

24 (4) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.38.030(3)  
25 must be distributed as follows:

26 (a) 8.3333 percent must be distributed to the incorporated cities  
27 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

28 (b) 8.3333 percent must be distributed to counties of the state  
29 in accordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

30 (c) The remainder must be distributed to the transportation  
31 partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.

32 (5) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.38.030(4)  
33 must be distributed as follows:

34 (a) 8.3333 percent must be distributed to the incorporated cities  
35 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

36 (b) 8.3333 percent must be distributed to counties of the state  
37 in accordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

38 (c) The remainder must be distributed to the transportation  
39 partnership account created in RCW 46.68.290.



1 (6) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.38.030  
2 (5) and (6) must be distributed to the transportation partnership  
3 account created in RCW 46.68.290.

4 (7) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.38.030  
5 (7) and (8) must be distributed to the connecting Washington account  
6 created in RCW 46.68.395.

7 (8) The remaining net tax amount collected under RCW 82.38.030  
8 (9) through (12) must be distributed as follows:

9 (a) Six percent must be distributed to the incorporated cities  
10 and towns of the state in accordance with RCW 46.68.110;

11 (b) Six percent must be distributed to counties of the state in  
12 accordance with RCW 46.68.120; and

13 (c) The remainder must be distributed to the motor vehicle fund  
14 created in RCW 46.68.070.

15 (9) Nothing in this section or in RCW 46.68.130 may be construed  
16 so as to violate any terms or conditions contained in any highway  
17 construction bond issues now or hereafter authorized by statute and  
18 whose payment is by such statute pledged to be paid from any excise  
19 taxes on fuel.

## 20 **PART II: VEHICLE-RELATED FEES**

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201.** A new section is added to chapter 46.08  
22 RCW to read as follows:

23 When adjusting fees required to be adjusted annually according to  
24 the methodology described in this section, the fee must be increased  
25 by the percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal  
26 consumption expenditures for the United States, as published by the  
27 bureau of economic analysis of the United States department of  
28 commerce, for the most recent calendar year as compared to the  
29 deflator for the later of the calendar year in which this section  
30 takes effect or the calendar year in which the fee is established or  
31 updated. The result must be rounded to the nearest five cents.

### 32 **Registration and Title Filing and Service Fees**

33 **Sec. 202.** RCW 46.17.005 and 2019 c 417 s 3 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 (1) A person who applies for a vehicle registration or for any  
36 other right to operate a vehicle on the highways of this state shall

1 pay a (~~four dollar and fifty cent~~) \$6 filing fee in addition to any  
2 other fees and taxes required by law.

3 (2) A person who applies for a certificate of title shall pay a  
4 (~~five dollar and fifty cent~~) \$6.50 filing fee in addition to any  
5 other fees and taxes required by law.

6 (3) The filing fees established in this section must be  
7 distributed under RCW 46.68.400.

8 **Sec. 203.** RCW 46.17.040 and 2019 c 417 s 2 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent  
11 appointed by the director shall collect a service fee of:

12 (a) (~~Fifteen dollars~~) \$18 for changes in a certificate of  
13 title, changes in ownership for nontitled vehicles, or for  
14 verification of record and preparation of an affidavit of lost title  
15 other than at the time of the certificate of title application or  
16 transfer, in addition to any other fees or taxes due at the time of  
17 application; and

18 (b) (~~Eight dollars~~) \$11 for a registration renewal, issuing a  
19 transit permit, or any other service under this section, in addition  
20 to any other fees or taxes due at the time of application.

21 (2) Service fees collected under this section by the department  
22 or county auditor or other agent appointed by the director must be  
23 credited to the capital vessel replacement account under RCW  
24 47.60.322.

25 **Electric Vehicle Fees**

26 **Sec. 204.** RCW 46.17.323 and 2022 c 149 s 1 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 (1) Before accepting an application for the original vehicle  
29 registration or an annual vehicle registration renewal for a vehicle  
30 that both (a) uses at least one method of propulsion that is capable  
31 of being reenergized by an external source of electricity and (b) is  
32 capable of traveling at least 30 miles using only battery power,  
33 except for electric motorcycles, the department, county auditor or  
34 other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must require the  
35 applicant to pay a \$100 fee, to be adjusted annually as provided in  
36 subsection (8) of this section, in addition to any other fees and

1 taxes required by law. (~~The \$100 fee is due only at the time of~~  
2 ~~annual registration renewal.~~)

3 (2) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to  
4 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than 35 miles per  
5 hour.

6 (3) (a) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to  
7 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways and for  
8 the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of transitioning from a  
9 revenue collection system based on fuel taxes to a road user  
10 assessment system, and is separate and distinct from other vehicle  
11 license fees. Proceeds from the fee must be used for highway  
12 purposes, and must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in  
13 RCW 46.68.070, subject to (b) of this subsection.

14 (b) If in any year the amount of proceeds from the fee collected  
15 under this section exceeds \$1,000,000, the excess amount over  
16 \$1,000,000 must be deposited as follows:

17 (i) Seventy percent to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW  
18 46.68.070;

19 (ii) Fifteen percent to the transportation improvement account  
20 created in RCW 47.26.084; and

21 (iii) Fifteen percent to the rural arterial trust account created  
22 in RCW 36.79.020.

23 (4) (a) In addition to the fee established in subsection (1) of  
24 this section, before accepting an application for the original  
25 vehicle registration or an annual vehicle registration renewal for a  
26 vehicle that both (i) uses at least one method of propulsion that is  
27 capable of being reenergized by an external source of electricity and  
28 (ii) is capable of traveling at least 30 miles using only battery  
29 power, except for electric motorcycles, the department, county  
30 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director must  
31 require the applicant to pay a \$50 fee, to be adjusted annually as  
32 provided in subsection (8) of this section.

33 (b) The fee required under (a) of this subsection must be  
34 (~~distributed as follows:~~

35 ~~(i) The first \$1,000,000 raised by the fee must be deposited into~~  
36 ~~the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070; and~~

37 ~~(ii) Any remaining amounts must be))~~ deposited into the motor  
38 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

39 (5) (~~Beginning November 1, 2022, before~~) Before accepting an  
40 application for the original vehicle registration or an annual

1 vehicle registration renewal for an electric motorcycle that uses  
2 propulsion units powered solely by electricity, the department,  
3 county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director  
4 must require the applicant to pay a \$30 fee, to be adjusted annually  
5 as provided in subsection (8) of this section, in addition to any  
6 other fees and taxes required by law. (~~The \$30 fee is due only at~~  
7 ~~the time of annual registration renewal.~~)

8 (6) The fees collected pursuant to subsection (5) of this section  
9 shall be deposited into the motor vehicle fund created in RCW  
10 46.68.070.

11 (7) This section applies to original vehicle registrations and  
12 annual vehicle registration renewals until the effective date of  
13 enacted legislation that imposes a vehicle miles traveled fee or tax  
14 that applies to all vehicles that are required to pay fees under this  
15 section.

16 (8) Beginning July 1, 2026, the fees required under this section  
17 must be adjusted annually using the methodology established in  
18 section 201 of this act.

19 **Sec. 205.** RCW 46.17.324 and 2019 c 287 s 23 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (~~To realize the environmental benefits of electrification of the~~  
22 ~~transportation system it is necessary to support the adoption of~~  
23 ~~electric vehicles and other electric technology in the state by~~  
24 ~~incentivizing the purchase of these vehicles, building out the~~  
25 ~~charging infrastructure, developing greener transit options, and~~  
26 ~~supporting clean alternative fuel infrastructure. Therefore, it is~~  
27 ~~the intent of the legislature to support these activities through the~~  
28 ~~imposition of new transportation electrification fees in this~~  
29 ~~section.~~)

30 (1) (~~A vehicle that both (a) uses at least one method of~~  
31 ~~propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an external source~~  
32 ~~of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at least thirty miles~~  
33 ~~using only battery power, is)) Electric vehicles, except for electric  
34 motorcycles, are subject to an annual ((seventy-five dollar)) \$75  
35 transportation electrification fee, to be adjusted annually as  
36 provided in subsection (4) of this section, to be collected by the  
37 department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent appointed by  
38 the director, in addition to any other fees and taxes required by  
39 law. For administrative efficiencies, the transportation~~

1 electrification fee must be collected at the same time as original  
2 vehicle registrations and vehicle registration renewals (~~and may~~  
3 ~~only be collected for vehicles that are renewing an annual vehicle~~  
4 ~~registration~~).

5 (2) (~~Beginning October 1, 2019, in lieu of the fee in subsection~~  
6 ~~(1) of this section for a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle that is~~  
7 ~~not required to pay the fees established in RCW 46.17.323 (1) and~~  
8 ~~(4), the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent~~  
9 ~~appointed by the director must require that the applicant for the~~  
10 ~~annual vehicle registration renewal of such hybrid or alternative~~  
11 ~~fuel vehicle pay a seventy-five dollar hybrid vehicle transportation~~  
12 ~~electrification fee, in addition to any other fees and taxes required~~  
13 ~~by law.~~

14 (~~3~~) The (~~fees~~) fee required under this section (~~must be~~  
15 ~~deposited in the electric vehicle account created in RCW 82.44.200,~~  
16 ~~until July 1, 2025, when the fee~~) must be deposited in the motor  
17 vehicle account.

18 (~~4~~) (3) This section only applies to a vehicle that is  
19 designed to have the capability to drive at a speed of more than  
20 (~~thirty-five~~) 35 miles per hour.

21 (4) Beginning July 1, 2026, the fee required under this section  
22 must be adjusted annually using the methodology established in  
23 section 201 of this act.

24 (5) For the purposes of this section, "electric vehicle" means a  
25 vehicle that is powered by an electric motor that draws electricity  
26 from a battery and is capable of being charged from an external  
27 source, excluding vehicles that are powered by an internal combustion  
28 engine in combination with one or more electric motors that use  
29 energy stored in batteries.

### 30 Highway Use Fee

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 206. A new section is added to chapter 46.17  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33 (1) (a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, before  
34 accepting an application for a motor vehicle registration, the  
35 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
36 the director shall require an applicant to pay a highway use fee  
37 determined using the rates established in accordance with subsection

1 (2) of this section, in addition to any other fees and taxes required  
2 by law.

3 (b) The following motor vehicles are exempt from the highway use  
4 fee required under this section:

5 (i) Electric and plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicles required  
6 to pay the registration fee under RCW 46.17.323;

7 (ii) Motor vehicles with a combined fuel economy rating of less  
8 than 25 miles per gallon;

9 (iii) Motorcycles, as defined in RCW 46.04.330;

10 (iv) Motor vehicles that are not registered for on-road use;

11 (v) Motor vehicles designed to have the capability to drive at a  
12 maximum speed of 35 miles per hour or less; and

13 (vi) Motor vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight rating of  
14 greater than 10,000 pounds.

15 (2) The highway use fee shall be calculated using the following  
16 methodology:

17 (a) Determining the average annual amount in fuel taxes paid by a  
18 motor vehicle by:

19 (i) Multiplying the cumulative fuel tax rate under RCW 82.38.030,  
20 excluding the fuel tax rate under RCW 82.38.030 (10) and (11), by  
21 9,500; and

22 (ii) Dividing the amount determined under (a)(i) of this  
23 subsection by 25.

24 (b) Determining the average annual amount in fuel taxes paid by a  
25 motor vehicle with the same combined fuel economy rating as the  
26 vehicle on which the highway use fee is being assessed by:

27 (i) Multiplying the cumulative fuel tax rate under RCW 82.38.030,  
28 excluding the fuel tax rate under RCW 82.38.030 (10) and (11), by  
29 9,500; and

30 (ii) Dividing the amount determined under (b)(i) of this  
31 subsection by the combined fuel economy rating of the vehicle for  
32 which the highway use fee is being assessed.

33 (c)(i) Subtracting the amount determined under (b) of this  
34 subsection from the amount determined under (a) of this subsection;

35 (ii) Multiplying the amount determined under (c)(i) of this  
36 subsection by 0.85; and

37 (iii) Rounding the amount determined under (c)(ii) of this  
38 subsection to the nearest five cents.

39 (3) The department must determine the combined fuel economy  
40 rating to apply for a vehicle required to pay the highway use fee

1 under this section based on the manufacturer's fuel economy rating of  
2 a vehicle, the fuel economy rating of a vehicle as determined by the  
3 United States environmental protection agency, or other reliable  
4 published sources of vehicle fuel economy rating information.

5 (4) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this  
6 section.

7 (5) Revenues collected under this section must be deposited in  
8 the motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

9 (6) For the purposes of this section, "combined fuel economy  
10 rating" means the weighted average of city and highway mile per  
11 gallon fuel economy value that is calculated by weighting the city  
12 fuel economy value by 55 percent and the highway fuel economy value  
13 by 45 percent, or as determined by the United States environmental  
14 protection agency, or other reliable published sources of vehicle  
15 fuel economy rating information.

16 **License Fees by Weight**

17 **Sec. 207.** RCW 46.17.355 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 201 are each  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (1) ~~((a) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due~~  
20 ~~before July 1, 2016, in lieu of the vehicle license fee required~~  
21 ~~under RCW 46.17.350 and before accepting an application for a vehicle~~  
22 ~~registration for motor vehicles described in RCW 46.16A.455, the~~  
23 ~~department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by~~  
24 ~~the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically exempt,~~  
25 ~~to pay the following license fee by weight:~~

WEIGHT	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
	A	B
4,000 pounds	\$ 38.00	\$ 38.00
6,000 pounds	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
8,000 pounds	\$ 58.00	\$ 58.00
10,000 pounds	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
12,000 pounds	\$ 77.00	\$ 77.00
14,000 pounds	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00
16,000 pounds	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
18,000 pounds	\$ 152.00	\$ 152.00

1	20,000 pounds	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00
2	22,000 pounds	\$ 183.00	\$ 183.00
3	24,000 pounds	\$ 198.00	\$ 198.00
4	26,000 pounds	\$ 209.00	\$ 209.00
5	28,000 pounds	\$ 247.00	\$ 247.00
6	30,000 pounds	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00
7	32,000 pounds	\$ 344.00	\$ 344.00
8	34,000 pounds	\$ 366.00	\$ 366.00
9	36,000 pounds	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
10	38,000 pounds	\$ 436.00	\$ 436.00
11	40,000 pounds	\$ 499.00	\$ 499.00
12	42,000 pounds	\$ 519.00	\$ 609.00
13	44,000 pounds	\$ 530.00	\$ 620.00
14	46,000 pounds	\$ 570.00	\$ 660.00
15	48,000 pounds	\$ 594.00	\$ 684.00
16	50,000 pounds	\$ 645.00	\$ 735.00
17	52,000 pounds	\$ 678.00	\$ 768.00
18	54,000 pounds	\$ 732.00	\$ 822.00
19	56,000 pounds	\$ 773.00	\$ 863.00
20	58,000 pounds	\$ 804.00	\$ 894.00
21	60,000 pounds	\$ 857.00	\$ 947.00
22	62,000 pounds	\$ 919.00	\$ 1,009.00
23	64,000 pounds	\$ 939.00	\$ 1,029.00
24	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
25	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
26	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
27	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00
28	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
29	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
30	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00
31	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
32	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00



1	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
2	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00
3	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
4	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
5	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
6	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
7	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
8	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00
9	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
10	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
11	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00
12	105,500 pounds	\$ 3,310.00	\$ 3,400.00

13 ~~(b) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or~~  
14 ~~after July 1, 2016, in))~~ In lieu of the vehicle license fee required  
15 under RCW 46.17.350 and before accepting an application for a vehicle  
16 registration for motor vehicles described in RCW 46.16A.455, the  
17 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by  
18 the director shall require the applicant, unless specifically exempt,  
19 to pay the following license fee by weight, to be adjusted annually  
20 as provided in subsection (8) of this section:

21	WEIGHT	SCHEDULE	SCHEDULE
22		A	B
23	4,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 53.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 53.00)</del>
24		<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
25	6,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 73.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 73.00)</del>
26		<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>
27	8,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 93.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 93.00)</del>
28		<u>\$120.00</u>	<u>\$120.00</u>
29	10,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 93.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 93.00)</del>
30		<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
31	12,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 81.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 81.00)</del>
32		<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>
33	14,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 88.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 88.00)</del>
34		<u>\$210.00</u>	<u>\$210.00</u>

1	16,000 pounds	(\$ 100.00)	(\$ 100.00)
2		<u>\$240.00</u>	<u>\$240.00</u>
3	18,000 pounds	(\$ 152.00)	(\$ 152.00)
4		<u>\$270.00</u>	<u>\$270.00</u>
5	20,000 pounds	(\$ 169.00)	(\$ 169.00)
6		<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
7	22,000 pounds	(\$ 183.00)	(\$ 183.00)
8		<u>\$330.00</u>	<u>\$330.00</u>
9	24,000 pounds	(\$ 198.00)	(\$ 198.00)
10		<u>\$360.00</u>	<u>\$360.00</u>
11	26,000 pounds	(\$ 209.00)	(\$ 209.00)
12		<u>\$390.00</u>	<u>\$390.00</u>
13	28,000 pounds	(\$ 247.00)	(\$ 247.00)
14		<u>\$420.00</u>	<u>\$420.00</u>
15	30,000 pounds	(\$ 285.00)	(\$ 285.00)
16		<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>
17	32,000 pounds	(\$ 344.00)	(\$ 344.00)
18		<u>\$480.00</u>	<u>\$480.00</u>
19	34,000 pounds	(\$ 366.00)	(\$ 366.00)
20		<u>\$510.00</u>	<u>\$510.00</u>
21	36,000 pounds	(\$ 397.00)	(\$ 397.00)
22		<u>\$540.00</u>	<u>\$540.00</u>
23	38,000 pounds	(\$ 436.00)	(\$ 436.00)
24		<u>\$570.00</u>	<u>\$570.00</u>
25	40,000 pounds	(\$ 499.00)	(\$ 499.00)
26		<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>
27	42,000 pounds	(\$ 519.00)	(\$ 609.00)
28		<u>\$630.00</u>	<u>\$630.00</u>
29	44,000 pounds	(\$ 530.00)	(\$ 620.00)
30		<u>\$660.00</u>	<u>\$660.00</u>
31	46,000 pounds	(\$ 570.00)	(\$ 660.00)
32		<u>\$690.00</u>	<u>\$690.00</u>
33	48,000 pounds	(\$ 594.00)	(\$ 684.00)
34		<u>\$720.00</u>	<u>\$720.00</u>
35	50,000 pounds	(\$ 645.00)	(\$ 735.00)
36		<u>\$750.00</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>

1	52,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 678.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 768.00)</del>
2		<u>\$780.00</u>	<u>\$780.00</u>
3	54,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 732.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 822.00)</del>
4		<u>\$810.00</u>	<u>\$810.00</u>
5	56,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 773.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 863.00)</del>
6		<u>\$840.00</u>	<u>\$840.00</u>
7	58,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 804.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 894.00)</del>
8		<u>\$870.00</u>	<u>\$870.00</u>
9	60,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 857.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 947.00)</del>
10		<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>
11	62,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 919.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 1,009.00)</del>
12		<u>\$930.00</u>	<u>\$930.00</u>
13	64,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 939.00)</del>	<del>(\$ 1,029.00)</del>
14		<u>\$960.00</u>	<u>\$960.00</u>
15	66,000 pounds	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,136.00
16	68,000 pounds	\$ 1,091.00	\$ 1,181.00
17	70,000 pounds	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,265.00
18	72,000 pounds	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,347.00
19	74,000 pounds	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,456.00
20	76,000 pounds	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,566.00
21	78,000 pounds	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 1,702.00
22	80,000 pounds	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,830.00
23	82,000 pounds	\$ 1,861.00	\$ 1,951.00
24	84,000 pounds	\$ 1,981.00	\$ 2,071.00
25	86,000 pounds	\$ 2,102.00	\$ 2,192.00
26	88,000 pounds	\$ 2,223.00	\$ 2,313.00
27	90,000 pounds	\$ 2,344.00	\$ 2,434.00
28	92,000 pounds	\$ 2,464.00	\$ 2,554.00
29	94,000 pounds	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 2,675.00
30	96,000 pounds	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 2,796.00
31	98,000 pounds	\$ 2,827.00	\$ 2,917.00
32	100,000 pounds	\$ 2,947.00	\$ 3,037.00
33	102,000 pounds	\$ 3,068.00	\$ 3,158.00
34	104,000 pounds	\$ 3,189.00	\$ 3,279.00



1       **Sec. 208.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2021 c 317 s 19 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying  
4 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),  
5 (h), (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in  
6 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law.

7       ~~((a) For vehicle registrations that are due or become due before~~  
8 ~~July 1, 2016, the motor vehicle weight fee:~~

9       ~~(i) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight;~~

10       ~~(ii) Is the difference determined by subtracting the vehicle~~  
11 ~~license fee required in RCW 46.17.350 from the license fee in~~  
12 ~~Schedule B of RCW 46.17.355, plus two dollars; and~~

13       ~~(iii) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.~~

14       ~~(b))~~ For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or  
15 after ~~((July 1, 2016))~~ January 1, 2026, the motor vehicle weight fee:

16       ~~((i))~~ (a) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight as  
17 follows:

WEIGHT	FEE
4,000 pounds	<del>(\$25.00)</del> <u>\$35.00</u>
6,000 pounds	<del>(\$45.00)</del> <u>\$65.00</u>
8,000 pounds	<del>(\$65.00)</del> <u>\$82.50</u>
16,000 pounds and over	<del>(\$72.00)</del> <u>\$96.00;</u>

23       ~~((ii))~~ (b) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not  
24 listed in the table provided in ~~((b)(i))~~ (a) of this subsection,  
25 must be increased to the next highest weight; and

26       ~~((iii))~~ (c) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415 ~~((unless~~  
27 ~~prior to July 1, 2023, the actions described in (b)(iii)(A) or (B) of~~  
28 ~~this subsection occur, in which case the portion of the revenue that~~  
29 ~~is the result of the fee increased in this subsection must be~~  
30 ~~distributed to the connecting Washington account created under RCW~~  
31 ~~46.68.395.~~

32       ~~(A) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter~~  
33 ~~34.05 RCW, absent explicit legislative authorization enacted~~  
34 ~~subsequent to July 1, 2015, for a rule regarding a fuel standard~~  
35 ~~based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a~~  
36 ~~low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.~~

37       ~~(B) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any~~  
38 ~~way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon~~

1 intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel  
2 standard, without explicit legislative authorization enacted  
3 subsequent to July 1, 2015.

4 ~~(C) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or~~  
5 ~~creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other~~  
6 ~~state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel~~  
7 ~~standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,~~  
8 ~~including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard).~~

9 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration  
10 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection  
11 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of  
12 ~~((seventy-five dollars))~~ \$75 in addition to all other fees and taxes  
13 required by law. The motor home vehicle weight fee must be  
14 distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

15 (3) ~~((Beginning July 1, 2022, in addition to the motor vehicle~~  
16 ~~weight fee as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the~~  
17 ~~department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by~~  
18 ~~the director must require an applicant to pay an additional weight~~  
19 ~~fee of ten dollars, which must be distributed to the multimodal~~  
20 ~~transportation account under RCW 47.66.070 unless prior to July 1,~~  
21 ~~2023, the actions described in (a) or (b) of this subsection occur,~~  
22 ~~in which case the portion of the revenue that is the result of the~~  
23 ~~fee increased in this subsection must be distributed to the~~  
24 ~~connecting Washington account created under RCW 46.68.395.~~

25 ~~(a) Any state agency files a notice of rule making under chapter~~  
26 ~~34.05 RCW, absent explicit legislative authorization enacted~~  
27 ~~subsequent to July 1, 2015, for a rule regarding a fuel standard~~  
28 ~~based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel, including a~~  
29 ~~low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.~~

30 ~~(b) Any state agency otherwise enacts, adopts, orders, or in any~~  
31 ~~way implements a fuel standard based upon or defined by the carbon~~  
32 ~~intensity of fuel, including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel~~  
33 ~~standard, without explicit legislative authorization enacted~~  
34 ~~subsequent to July 1, 2015.~~

35 ~~(c) Nothing in this subsection acknowledges, establishes, or~~  
36 ~~creates legal authority for the department of ecology or any other~~  
37 ~~state agency to enact, adopt, order, or in any way implement a fuel~~  
38 ~~standard based upon or defined by the carbon intensity of fuel,~~  
39 ~~including a low carbon fuel standard or clean fuel standard.~~

40 ~~(4))~~ The department shall:

1 (a) Rely on motor vehicle empty scale weights provided by vehicle  
2 manufacturers, or other sources defined by the department, to  
3 determine the weight of each motor vehicle; and

4 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without  
5 manufacturer empty scale weights.

6 **Sec. 209.** RCW 46.17.365 and 2025 c . . . s 208 (section 208 of  
7 this act) are each amended to read as follows:

8 (1) A person applying for a motor vehicle registration and paying  
9 the vehicle license fee required in RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e),  
10 (h), (j), (n), and (o) shall pay a motor vehicle weight fee in  
11 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law.

12 For vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or after  
13 (~~January 1, 2026~~) July 1, 2027, the motor vehicle weight fee:

14 (a) Must be based on the motor vehicle scale weight as follows,  
15 to be adjusted annually as provided in subsection (4) of this  
16 section:

WEIGHT	FEE
4,000 pounds	\$ 35.00
6,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 65.00)</del> <u>\$75.00</u>
8,000 pounds	<del>(\$ 82.50)</del> <u>\$90.00</u>
16,000 pounds and over	<del>(\$ 96.00)</del> <u>\$110.00;</u>

22 (b) If the resultant motor vehicle scale weight is not listed in  
23 the table provided in (a) of this subsection, must be increased to  
24 the next highest weight; and

25 (c) Must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

26 (2) A person applying for a motor home vehicle registration  
27 shall, in lieu of the motor vehicle weight fee required in subsection  
28 (1) of this section, pay a motor home vehicle weight fee of \$75 in  
29 addition to all other fees and taxes required by law. The motor home  
30 vehicle weight fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.415.

31 (3) The department shall:

32 (a) Rely on motor vehicle empty scale weights provided by vehicle  
33 manufacturers, or other sources defined by the department, to  
34 determine the weight of each motor vehicle; and

35 (b) Adopt rules for determining weight for vehicles without  
36 manufacturer empty scale weights.

1 (4) Beginning July 1, 2028, the motor vehicle weight fee required  
2 in subsection (1) of this section must be adjusted annually using the  
3 methodology established in section 201 of this act.

#### 4 **Miscellaneous Fees**

5 **Sec. 210.** RCW 70A.205.405 and 2020 c 20 s 1190 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1)(a) There is levied a ((one-dollar)) \$1 per tire fee on the  
8 retail sale of new replacement vehicle tires. ((The fee imposed in  
9 this section must be paid by the buyer to the seller, and each seller  
10 shall collect from the buyer the full amount of the fee. The fee  
11 collected from the buyer by the seller less the ten percent amount  
12 retained by the seller as provided in RCW 70A.205.430(1) must be paid  
13 to the department of revenue in accordance with RCW 82.32.045.))

14 (b) There is levied an additional \$4 per tire fee on the retail  
15 sale of new replacement vehicle tires.

16 (c) The fees imposed in this section must be paid by the buyer to  
17 the seller, and each seller shall collect from the buyer the full  
18 amount of the fee. The proceeds of the fee imposed in (a) of this  
19 subsection, less the amounts authorized to be retained by the seller  
20 as provided in RCW 70A.205.430(1), and the proceeds of the fee  
21 imposed in (b) of this subsection must be paid to the department of  
22 revenue in accordance with RCW 82.32.045.

23 (2) The department of revenue shall incorporate into the agency's  
24 regular audit cycle a reconciliation of the number of tires sold and  
25 the amount of revenue collected by the businesses selling new  
26 replacement vehicle tires at retail. The department of revenue shall  
27 collect on the business excise tax return from the businesses selling  
28 new replacement vehicle tires at retail:

29 (a) The number of tires sold; and

30 (b) The ((fee)) fees levied in this section.

31 (3) All other applicable provisions of chapter 82.32 RCW have  
32 full force and application with respect to the fee imposed under this  
33 section. The department of revenue shall administer this section.

34 (4) For the purposes of this section, "new replacement vehicle  
35 tires" means tires that are newly manufactured for vehicle purposes  
36 and does not include retreaded vehicle tires.



1       **Sec. 211.** RCW 70A.205.425 and 2020 c 20 s 1192 are each amended  
2 to read as follows:

3       (1) ~~((All))~~ The receipts from the tire ((fees)) fee imposed under  
4 RCW 70A.205.405(1)(a), excluding amounts that the seller is  
5 authorized to retain under RCW 70A.205.430 and except as provided in  
6 subsection (2) of this section, must be deposited in the waste tire  
7 removal account created under RCW 70A.205.415. Moneys in the account  
8 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account  
9 may be used for the cleanup of unauthorized waste tire piles and  
10 measures that prevent future accumulation of unauthorized waste tire  
11 piles.

12       (2) On September 1st of odd-numbered years, the state treasurer  
13 must transfer any cash balance in excess of ~~((one million dollars))~~  
14 \$1,000,000 from the waste tire removal account created under RCW  
15 70A.205.415 to the motor vehicle fund for the purpose of road wear  
16 related maintenance on state and local public highways.

17       (3) The receipts of the tire fee imposed under RCW  
18 70A.205.405(1)(b) must be distributed to the motor vehicle fund.

19       **Sec. 212.** RCW 70A.205.430 and 2020 c 20 s 1193 are each amended  
20 to read as follows:

21       (1) Every person engaged in making retail sales of new  
22 replacement vehicle tires in this state shall retain ~~((ten))~~ 10  
23 percent of the collected ~~((one dollar))~~ \$1 fee imposed under RCW  
24 70A.205.405(1)(a). The moneys retained may be used for costs  
25 associated with the proper management of the waste vehicle tires by  
26 the retailer.

27       (2) The department of ecology will administer the funds for the  
28 purposes specified in RCW 70A.205.010(6) including, but not limited  
29 to:

30       (a) Making grants to local governments for pilot demonstration  
31 projects for on-site shredding and recycling of tires from  
32 unauthorized dump sites;

33       (b) Grants to local government for enforcement programs;

34       (c) Implementation of a public information and education program  
35 to include posters, signs, and informational materials to be  
36 distributed to retail tire sales and tire service outlets;

37       (d) Product marketing studies for recycled tires and alternatives  
38 to land disposal.

1       **Sec. 213.** RCW 46.17.380 and 2018 c 287 s 4 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Before accepting an application for a registration for a  
4 recreational vehicle, the department, county auditor, or other agent,  
5 or subagent appointed by the director, shall require an applicant to  
6 pay ((a six dollar)) an \$8 fee in addition to any other fees and  
7 taxes required by law.

8       (2) The abandoned recreational disposal fee must be deposited  
9 into the abandoned recreational vehicle disposal account created in  
10 RCW 46.68.175.

11       (3) For the purposes of this section, "recreational vehicle"  
12 means a camper, motor home, or travel trailer.

13       **Sec. 214.** RCW 46.68.175 and 2018 c 287 s 6 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15       (1) The abandoned recreational vehicle disposal account is  
16 created in the state treasury. All receipts from the fee imposed in  
17 RCW 46.17.380 must be deposited into the account. The account may  
18 receive fund transfers and appropriations from the general fund, as  
19 well as gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources,  
20 in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of  
21 chapter 287, Laws of 2018 and expend any income according to the  
22 terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments, provided that those terms  
23 do not conflict with any provisions of this section or any guidelines  
24 developed to prioritize reimbursement of removal projects associated  
25 with chapter 287, Laws of 2018.

26       (2) Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.  
27 Expenditures from the account may be used only by the department to  
28 reimburse registered tow truck operators and licensed dismantlers for  
29 up to ((one hundred)) 100 percent of the total reasonable and  
30 auditable administrative costs for transport, dismantling, and  
31 disposal of abandoned recreational vehicles under RCW 46.53.010 when  
32 the last registered owner is unknown after a reasonable search  
33 effort. Compliance with RCW 46.55.100 is considered a reasonable  
34 effort to locate the last registered owner of the abandoned  
35 recreational vehicle. Any funds received by the registered tow truck  
36 operators or licensed dismantlers through collection efforts from the  
37 last owner of record shall be turned over to the department for  
38 vehicles reimbursed under RCW 46.53.010.

1 (3) Funds in the account resulting from transfers from the  
2 general fund must be used to reimburse (~~one hundred~~) 100 percent of  
3 eligible costs up to a limit of (~~ten thousand dollars~~) \$10,000 per  
4 vehicle for which cost reimbursements are requested.

5 (4) In each fiscal biennium, beginning in the 2019-2021 fiscal  
6 biennium and through December 31, 2025, up to (~~fifteen~~) 15 percent  
7 of the expenditures from the account may be used for administrative  
8 expenses of the department in implementing this chapter. Beginning  
9 January 1, 2026, up to 10 percent of the expenditures from the  
10 account may be used for administrative expenses of the department in  
11 implementing this chapter.

12 **PART III: SALES AND USE TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES**

13 **Sec. 301.** RCW 82.08.020 and 2022 c 16 s 145 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) There is levied and collected a tax equal to six and five-  
16 tenths percent of the selling price on each retail sale in this state  
17 of:

18 (a) Tangible personal property, unless the sale is specifically  
19 excluded from the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

20 (b) Digital goods, digital codes, and digital automated services,  
21 if the sale is included within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail  
22 sale;

23 (c) Services, other than digital automated services, included  
24 within the RCW 82.04.050 definition of retail sale;

25 (d) Extended warranties to consumers; and

26 (e) Anything else, the sale of which is included within the RCW  
27 82.04.050 definition of retail sale.

28 (2) There is levied and collected an additional tax on each  
29 retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is licensed in  
30 this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the selling  
31 price. The revenue collected under this subsection must be deposited  
32 in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

33 (3) (~~Beginning July 1, 2003, there~~) There is levied and  
34 collected an additional tax of (~~three-tenths of~~) one percent of the  
35 selling price on each retail sale of a motor vehicle in this state,  
36 other than retail car rentals taxed under subsection (2) of this  
37 section. The revenue collected under this subsection must be

1 deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW  
2 47.66.070.

3 (4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, "motor  
4 vehicle" has the meaning provided in RCW 46.04.320, but does not  
5 include:

6 (a) Farm tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180  
7 and 46.04.181, unless the farm tractor or farm vehicle is for use in  
8 the production of cannabis;

9 (b) Off-road vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.365;

10 (c) Nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.310; and

11 (d) Snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.04.546.

12 (5) Beginning on December 8, 2005, 0.16 percent of the taxes  
13 collected under subsection (1) of this section must be dedicated to  
14 funding comprehensive performance audits required under RCW  
15 43.09.470. The revenue identified in this subsection must be  
16 deposited in the performance audits of government account created in  
17 RCW 43.09.475.

18 (6) The taxes imposed under this chapter apply to successive  
19 retail sales of the same property.

20 (7) The rates provided in this section apply to taxes imposed  
21 under chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 302.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, in  
25 addition to the tax imposed under RCW 82.08.020, there is levied and  
26 collected an additional tax on the sale of a motor vehicle if:

27 (i) The selling price plus trade-in property of like kind for  
28 purchased vehicles of the motor vehicle exceeds \$50,000; or

29 (ii) In the case of a lease requiring periodic payments, the fair  
30 market value of the motor vehicle exceeds \$50,000 at the inception of  
31 the lease.

32 (b) The tax imposed in this subsection (1):

33 (i) Is equal to the portion of the selling price plus trade-in  
34 property of like kind for purchased vehicles in excess of \$50,000,  
35 multiplied by one percent; or

36 (ii) In the case of a lease requiring periodic payments, is the  
37 fair market value of the motor vehicle in excess of \$50,000 at the  
38 inception of the lease, multiplied by one percent.

1 (2) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, in  
2 addition to the taxes imposed under RCW 82.08.020 and in subsection  
3 (1) of this section, there is levied and collected an additional tax  
4 of one percent on the sale of a motor vehicle if:

5 (i) The selling price of the motor vehicle plus trade-in property  
6 of like kind for purchased vehicles exceeds \$100,000; or

7 (ii) In the case of a lease requiring periodic payments, the fair  
8 market value of the motor vehicle exceeds \$100,000 at the inception  
9 of the lease.

10 (b) The additional tax imposed in this subsection (2):

11 (i) Is equal to the portion of the selling price plus trade-in  
12 property of like kind for purchased vehicles in excess of \$100,000,  
13 multiplied by one percent; or

14 (ii) In the case of a lease requiring periodic payments, is the  
15 fair market value of the motor vehicle in excess of \$100,000 at the  
16 inception of the lease, multiplied by one percent.

17 (3) The taxes imposed under this section do not apply to the sale  
18 or lease of:

19 (a) A commercial motor vehicle, as defined in RCW 46.25.010; or

20 (b) A motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating of  
21 greater than 10,000 pounds other than motor homes, as defined in RCW  
22 46.04.305.

23 (4) The revenue collected under this section must be deposited in  
24 the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

25 (5) For the purposes of this section and section 303 of this act,  
26 the following definitions apply:

27 (a) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in RCW 46.04.320, but  
28 does not include:

29 (i) Farm tractors or farm vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.180  
30 and 46.04.181, unless the farm tractor or farm vehicle is for use in  
31 the production of cannabis;

32 (ii) Off-road vehicles as defined in RCW 46.04.365;

33 (iii) Nonhighway vehicles as defined in RCW 46.09.310; and

34 (iv) Snowmobiles as defined in RCW 46.04.546.

35 (b) "Value of the motor vehicle" means the fair market value of  
36 the motor vehicle. In the case of a leased motor vehicle in which the  
37 consumer is required to make periodic lease payments, "value of the  
38 motor vehicle" means the fair market value of the motor vehicle at  
39 the inception of the lease.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 303.**    A new section is added to chapter 82.12  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, in  
4    addition to the tax imposed under RCW 82.12.020, there is levied and  
5    collected from every person in this state a tax for the privilege of  
6    using within this state as a consumer any motor vehicle if the value  
7    of the motor vehicle exceeds \$50,000.

8        (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the tax is  
9    levied and must be collected in an amount equal to:

10        (i) The value of the motor vehicle that exceeds \$50,000,  
11    multiplied by one percent; plus

12        (ii) The value of the motor vehicle that exceeds \$100,000,  
13    multiplied by one percent.

14        (b) In the case of a seller required to collect use tax under  
15    this section from the purchaser, the tax must be collected in an  
16    amount equal to the amount of the purchase price that exceeds \$50,000  
17    multiplied by one percent, plus the amount of the purchase price that  
18    exceeds \$100,000 multiplied by one percent.

19        (3) The taxes imposed under this section do not apply to the use  
20    of:

21        (a) A commercial motor vehicle, as defined in RCW 46.25.010; or

22        (b) A motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating of  
23    greater than 10,000 pounds other than motor homes, as defined in RCW  
24    46.04.305.

25        (4) The revenue collected under this section must be deposited in  
26    the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070.

27        **Sec. 304.**    RCW 82.32.145 and 2020 c 301 s 6 are each amended to  
28    read as follows:

29        (1) Whenever the department has issued a warrant under RCW  
30    82.32.210 for the collection of unpaid trust fund taxes from a  
31    limited liability business entity and that business entity has been  
32    terminated, dissolved, or abandoned, or is insolvent, the department  
33    may pursue collection of the entity's unpaid trust fund taxes,  
34    including penalties and interest on those taxes, against any or all  
35    of the responsible individuals. For purposes of this subsection,  
36    "insolvent" means the condition that results when the sum of the  
37    entity's debts exceeds the fair market value of its assets. The  
38    department may presume that an entity is insolvent if the entity

1 refuses to disclose to the department the nature of its assets and  
2 liabilities.

3 (2) Personal liability under this section may be imposed for  
4 state and local trust fund taxes.

5 (3)(a) For a responsible individual who is the current or a  
6 former chief executive or chief financial officer, liability under  
7 this section applies regardless of fault or whether the individual  
8 was or should have been aware of the unpaid trust fund tax liability  
9 of the limited liability business entity.

10 (b) For any other responsible individual, liability under this  
11 section applies only if he or she willfully fails to pay or to cause  
12 to be paid to the department the trust fund taxes due from the  
13 limited liability business entity.

14 (4)(a) Except as provided in this subsection (4)(a), a  
15 responsible individual who is the current or a former chief executive  
16 or chief financial officer is liable under this section only for  
17 trust fund tax liability accrued during the period that he or she was  
18 the chief executive or chief financial officer. However, if the  
19 responsible individual had the responsibility or duty to remit  
20 payment of the limited liability business entity's trust fund taxes  
21 to the department during any period of time that the person was not  
22 the chief executive or chief financial officer, that individual is  
23 also liable for trust fund tax liability that became due during the  
24 period that he or she had the duty to remit payment of the limited  
25 liability business entity's taxes to the department but was not the  
26 chief executive or chief financial officer.

27 (b) All other responsible individuals are liable under this  
28 section only for trust fund tax liability that became due during the  
29 period he or she had the responsibility or duty to remit payment of  
30 the limited liability business entity's taxes to the department.

31 (5) Persons described in subsection (3)(b) of this section are  
32 exempt from liability under this section in situations where  
33 nonpayment of the limited liability business entity's trust fund  
34 taxes is due to reasons beyond their control as determined by the  
35 department by rule.

36 (6) Any person having been issued a notice of assessment under  
37 this section is entitled to the appeal procedures under RCW  
38 82.32.160, 82.32.170, 82.32.180, 82.32.190, and 82.32.200.

1 (7) This section does not relieve the limited liability business  
2 entity of its trust fund tax liability or otherwise impair other tax  
3 collection remedies afforded by law.

4 (8) Collection authority and procedures prescribed in this  
5 chapter apply to collections under this section.

6 (9) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
7 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (a) "Chief executive" means: The president of a corporation; or  
9 for other entities or organizations other than corporations or if the  
10 corporation does not have a president as one of its officers, the  
11 highest ranking executive manager or administrator in charge of the  
12 management of the company or organization.

13 (b) "Chief financial officer" means: The treasurer of a  
14 corporation; or for entities or organizations other than corporations  
15 or if a corporation does not have a treasurer as one of its officers,  
16 the highest senior manager who is responsible for overseeing the  
17 financial activities of the entire company or organization.

18 (c) "Limited liability business entity" means a type of business  
19 entity that generally shields its owners from personal liability for  
20 the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the entity, or a business  
21 entity that is managed or owned in whole or in part by an entity that  
22 generally shields its owners from personal liability for the debts,  
23 obligations, and liabilities of the entity. Limited liability  
24 business entities include corporations, limited liability companies,  
25 limited liability partnerships, trusts, general partnerships and  
26 joint ventures in which one or more of the partners or parties are  
27 also limited liability business entities, and limited partnerships in  
28 which one or more of the general partners are also limited liability  
29 business entities.

30 (d) "Manager" has the same meaning as in RCW 25.15.006.

31 (e) "Member" has the same meaning as in RCW 25.15.006, except  
32 that the term only includes members of member-managed limited  
33 liability companies.

34 (f) "Officer" means any officer or assistant officer of a  
35 corporation, including the president, vice president, secretary, and  
36 treasurer.

37 (g) (i) "Responsible individual" includes any current or former  
38 officer, manager, member, partner, or trustee of a limited liability  
39 business entity with an unpaid tax warrant issued by the department.



1 (ii) "Responsible individual" also includes any current or former  
2 employee or other individual, but only if the individual had the  
3 responsibility or duty to remit payment of the limited liability  
4 business entity's unpaid trust fund tax liability reflected in a tax  
5 warrant issued by the department.

6 (iii) Whenever any taxpayer has one or more limited liability  
7 business entities as a member, manager, or partner, "responsible  
8 individual" also includes any current and former officers, members,  
9 or managers of the limited liability business entity or entities or  
10 of any other limited liability business entity involved directly in  
11 the management of the taxpayer. For purposes of this subsection  
12 (9)(g)(iii), "taxpayer" means a limited liability business entity  
13 with an unpaid tax warrant issued against it by the department.

14 (h) "Trust fund taxes" means taxes collected from purchasers and  
15 held in trust under RCW 82.08.050, including taxes imposed under RCW  
16 82.08.020, 82.08.150, section 302 of this act, section 303(2)(b) of  
17 this act, and 82.51.010.

18 (i) "Willfully fails to pay or to cause to be paid" means that  
19 the failure was the result of an intentional, conscious, and  
20 voluntary course of action.

#### 21 **PART IV: FERRY FARES AND RELATED PROVISIONS**

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 401.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60  
23 RCW to read as follows:

24 (1) For each of the fiscal years 2026 through 2031, the  
25 commission is directed to increase ferry fares by an additional one  
26 and one-half percent above the increase otherwise required under RCW  
27 47.60.315(1).

28 (2) This section expires July 1, 2032.

29 **Sec. 402.** RCW 47.60.315 and 2023 c 472 s 714 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 (1) The commission shall adopt fares and pricing policies by  
32 rule, under chapter 34.05 RCW, according to the following schedule:

33 (a) Each year the department shall provide the commission a  
34 report of its review of fares and pricing policies, with  
35 recommendations for the revision of fares and pricing policies for  
36 the ensuing year;

1 (b) By September 1st of each year, beginning in 2008, the  
2 commission shall adopt by rule fares and pricing policies for the  
3 ensuing year.

4 (2) The commission may adopt by rule fares that are effective for  
5 more or less than one year for the purposes of transitioning to the  
6 fare schedule in subsection (1) of this section.

7 (3) The commission may increase ferry fares included in the  
8 schedule of charges adopted under this section by a percentage that  
9 exceeds the fiscal growth factor.

10 (4) The chief executive officer of the ferry system may authorize  
11 the use of promotional, discounted, and special event fares to the  
12 general public and commercial enterprises for the purpose of  
13 maximizing capacity use and the revenues collected by the ferry  
14 system. The department shall report to the commission a summary of  
15 the promotional, discounted, and special event fares offered during  
16 each fiscal year and the financial results from these activities.

17 (5) Fare revenues and other revenues deposited in the Puget Sound  
18 ferry operations account created in RCW 47.60.530 may not be used to  
19 support the Puget Sound capital construction account created in RCW  
20 47.60.505, unless the support for capital is separately identified in  
21 the fare or except as provided in section 715, chapter 333, Laws of  
22 2021 during the 2021-2023 biennium and section 716, chapter 472, Laws  
23 of 2023 during the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.

24 (6) The commission may not raise fares until the fare rules  
25 contain pricing policies developed under RCW 47.60.290, or September  
26 1, 2009, whichever is later.

27 (7) The commission shall impose a vessel replacement surcharge of  
28 ((25)) 75 cents on every one-way and round-trip ferry fare sold,  
29 including multiride and monthly pass fares. This surcharge must be  
30 clearly indicated to ferry passengers and drivers and, if possible,  
31 on the fare media itself.

32 (8) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section,  
33 beginning May 1, 2020, the commission shall impose an additional  
34 vessel replacement surcharge in an amount sufficient to fund 25 year  
35 debt service on one 144-auto hybrid vessel taking into account funds  
36 provided in chapter 417, Laws of 2019 ((~~or chapter . . . (SSB 5419),~~  
37 ~~Laws of 2019~~)). The department of transportation shall provide to the  
38 commission vessel and debt service cost estimates. Information on  
39 vessels constructed or purchased with revenue from the surcharges

1 must be publicly posted including, but not limited to, the commission  
2 website.

3 (9) The vessel replacement surcharges imposed in this section may  
4 only be used for the construction or purchase of ferry vessels and to  
5 pay the principal and interest on bonds authorized for the  
6 construction or purchase of new ferry vessels.

7 (10) The commission shall not impose the additional vessel  
8 replacement surcharge in subsection (8) of this section if doing so  
9 would increase fares by more than 10 percent.

10 (11) For the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, any ferry fuel surcharge  
11 imposed by the commission may not go into effect until after the  
12 ensuing regular legislative session. If a fuel surcharge is imposed  
13 as provided under this subsection, the commission must reevaluate the  
14 need for the surcharge on at least a quarterly basis to determine if  
15 the surcharge is still needed to cover increased fuel costs, and  
16 revoke the surcharge if the determination is that the surcharge is no  
17 longer needed for this purpose.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 403.** A new section is added to chapter 47.60  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 The Washington state ferries shall implement cost recovery  
21 mechanisms to recoup at least three percent in credit card and other  
22 financial transaction costs related to the collection of ferry fares  
23 imposed under RCW 47.60.290 and 47.60.315. As part of the cost  
24 recovery mechanisms, the Washington state ferries may recover  
25 transaction fees incurred through credit card transactions. The  
26 Washington state ferries must notify customers of the fee at the  
27 point of sale and itemize the fee on customer receipts. Costs  
28 recovered under this section may not be considered revenue for the  
29 purposes of fare setting.

30 **PART V: ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE TAX INCENTIVES**

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 501.** This section is the tax preference  
32 performance statement for the tax preferences contained in sections  
33 502 and 503, chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (sections 502 and 503 of  
34 this act). This performance statement is only intended to be used for  
35 subsequent evaluation of the tax preference. It is not intended to  
36 create a private right of action by any party or be used to determine  
37 eligibility for preferential tax treatment.

1 (1) The legislature categorizes the tax preferences as ones  
2 intended to induce certain designated behavior by taxpayers, as  
3 indicated in RCW 82.32.808(2) (a).

4 (2) It is the legislature's specific public policy objective to  
5 increase the use of zero emission buses by transit agencies in  
6 Washington. It is the legislature's intent to extend the tax  
7 incentive available to zero emission buses to further emission  
8 reductions, as well as reductions in fine particulates, in the state.

9 (3) To measure the effectiveness of the tax preferences in  
10 sections 502 and 503, chapter . . ., Laws of 2025 (sections 502 and  
11 503 of this act) in achieving the public policy objectives described  
12 in subsection (2) of this section, the joint legislative audit and  
13 review committee must evaluate the number of zero emission transit  
14 buses titled in the state and the estimated resulting carbon emission  
15 and fine particulate reductions.

16 (4) In order to obtain the data necessary to perform the review  
17 in subsection (3) of this section, the department of licensing,  
18 department of revenue, and department of ecology must provide data  
19 needed for the joint legislative audit and review committee analysis.  
20 In addition to the data source described under this subsection, the  
21 joint legislative audit and review committee may use any other data  
22 it deems necessary.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 502.** A new section is added to chapter 82.08  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) The tax levied by RCW 82.08.020 does not apply to sales of  
26 zero emission buses purchased by:

27 (a) A transit agency; or

28 (b) A federally recognized Indian tribe to provide public  
29 transportation services.

30 (2) Sellers may make tax exempt sales under this section only if  
31 the buyer provides the seller with an exemption certificate in a form  
32 and manner prescribed by the department. The seller must retain a  
33 copy of the certificate for the seller's files.

34 (3) For the purposes of this section:

35 (a) "Transit agency" means a city-owned transit system, county  
36 transportation authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, public  
37 transportation benefit area, unincorporated transportation benefit  
38 area, or regional transit authority.

1 (b) "Zero emission bus" means a bus that emits no exhaust gas  
2 from the onboard source of power, other than water vapor.

3 (4) On the last day of February, May, August, and November of  
4 each year, the state treasurer, based upon information provided by  
5 the department, must transfer from the carbon emissions reduction  
6 account to the general fund a sum equal to the dollar amount that  
7 would otherwise have been deposited into the general fund during the  
8 prior calendar quarter but for the exemption provided in this section  
9 and section 503 of this act. Information provided by the department  
10 to the state treasurer must be based on the best available data,  
11 except that the department may provide estimates of taxes exempted  
12 under this section until such time as retailers are able to report  
13 such exempted amounts on their tax returns.

14 (5) (a) The department must provide notification on its website  
15 monthly of the amount in exemptions issued and the amount remaining  
16 under this section and section 503 of this act before the limit  
17 described in (b) of this subsection has been reached, and, once that  
18 limit has been reached, the date the exemption expires pursuant to  
19 (b) of this subsection.

20 (b) The exemption under this section expires after the last day  
21 of the calendar month immediately following the month the department  
22 determines the total amount of exemptions issued under this section  
23 and section 503 of this act reaches or exceeds \$14,000,000.

24 (6) By July 1, 2026, and every six months thereafter until the  
25 exemptions in this section and section 503 of this act expire, based  
26 on the best available data, the department must report the following  
27 information to the transportation committees of the legislature:

28 (a) The cumulative number of vehicles that qualified for the  
29 exemption under this section and section 503 of this act by month of  
30 purchase and vehicle make and model; and

31 (b) The dollar amount of all state retail sales and use taxes  
32 exempted under this section and section 503 of this act, by fiscal  
33 year.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 503.** A new section is added to chapter 82.12  
35 RCW to read as follows:

36 (1) The provisions of this chapter do not apply with respect to  
37 the use of zero emission buses purchased by a transit agency or by a  
38 federally recognized Indian tribe to provide public transportation  
39 services.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section.

2 (a) "Transit agency" means a city-owned transit system, county  
3 transportation authority, metropolitan municipal corporation, public  
4 transportation benefit area, unincorporated transportation benefit  
5 area, or regional transit authority.

6 (b) "Zero emissions bus" means a bus that emits no exhaust gas  
7 from the onboard source of power, other than water vapor.

8 (3) The exemption under this section expires after the last day  
9 of the calendar month immediately following the month the department  
10 determines the total amount of exemptions under this section and  
11 section 502 of this act issued reaches or exceeds \$14,000,000.

12 **PART VI: ALTERNATIVE FUEL GRANT AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

13 **Sec. 601.** RCW 28B.30.903 and 2019 c 287 s 2 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The Washington State University extension energy program  
16 shall provide information, technical assistance, and consultation on  
17 physical plant operation, maintenance, and construction issues to  
18 state and local governments, tribal governments, and nonprofit  
19 organizations through its plant operations support program. The  
20 Washington State University extension energy program may not enter  
21 into facilities design or construction contracts on behalf of state  
22 or local government agencies, tribal governments, or nonprofit  
23 organizations. The plant operations support program created in this  
24 section must be funded by voluntary subscription charges, service  
25 fees, and other funding acquired by or provided to Washington State  
26 University for such purposes.

27 (2) (~~Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for~~  
28 ~~this specific purpose through the 2023-2025 biennium, the~~) The  
29 Washington State University extension energy program must establish  
30 and administer a technical assistance and education program focused  
31 on the use of alternative fuel vehicles. Education and assistance may  
32 be provided to public agencies, including local governments and other  
33 state political subdivisions.

34 **Sec. 602.** RCW 47.04.350 and 2019 c 287 s 3 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (1) (~~Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for~~  
37 ~~this specific purpose through the 2023-2025 biennium, the~~) The

1 department's public-private partnership office must develop and  
2 maintain a program to support the deployment of clean alternative  
3 fuel vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure that is supported  
4 by private financing.

5 (2) The department must define corridors in which bidders may  
6 propose to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure or  
7 hydrogen fueling stations, and may update these corridors over time  
8 as needed. Alternatively, a bidder may propose a corridor in which  
9 the bidder proposes to install electric vehicle infrastructure or  
10 hydrogen fueling stations if the department has adopted rules  
11 allowing such a proposal and establishing guidelines for how such a  
12 proposal will be considered.

13 (3) (a) For bid proposals under this section, the department must  
14 require the following:

15 (i) Bidders must have private sector partners contributing to the  
16 project who stand to gain indirect value from development of the  
17 project, such as motor vehicle manufacturers, retail stores, or  
18 tourism stakeholders;

19 (ii) Bidders must demonstrate that the proposed project will be  
20 valuable to clean alternative fuel vehicle drivers and will address  
21 an existing gap in the state's low carbon transportation  
22 infrastructure;

23 (iii) Projects must be expected to be profitable and sustainable  
24 for the owner-operator and the private partner; and

25 (iv) Bidders must specify how the project captures the indirect  
26 value of charging or refueling station deployment to the private  
27 partner.

28 (b) The department may adopt rules that require any other  
29 criteria for a successful project.

30 (4) In evaluating proposals under this section, the department  
31 may use the electric vehicle financial analysis tool that was  
32 developed in the joint transportation committee's study into  
33 financing electric vehicle charging station infrastructure.

34 (5) (a) After selecting a successful proposer under this section,  
35 the department may provide a loan or grant to the proposer.

36 (b) ~~((Grants and loans issued under this subsection must be  
37 funded from the electric vehicle account created in RCW 82.44.200.~~

38 ~~(e))~~ Any project selected for support under this section is  
39 eligible for only one grant or loan as a part of the program.

1 (6) The department may conduct preliminary workshops with  
2 potential bidders and other potential private sector partners to  
3 determine the best method of designing and maintaining the program,  
4 discuss how to develop and maintain the partnerships among the  
5 private sector partners that may receive indirect value, and any  
6 other issues relating to the implementation and administration of  
7 this section. The department should consider regional workshops to  
8 engage potential business partners from across the state.

9 (7) The department must adopt rules to implement and administer  
10 this section.

11 **Sec. 603.** RCW 47.04.355 and 2019 c 287 s 16 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) (~~Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for~~  
14 ~~this specific purpose through the 2023-2025 biennium, the~~) The  
15 department's public-private partnership office must develop and  
16 administer a ((~~pilot~~)) program to support clean alternative fuel car  
17 sharing programs to provide clean alternative fuel vehicle use  
18 opportunities to underserved communities and low to moderate income  
19 members of the workforce not readily served by transit or located in  
20 transportation corridors with emissions that exceed federal or state  
21 emissions standards. Nonprofit organizations or local governments,  
22 including housing authorities, with a demonstrated history of  
23 managing or implementing low-income transportation clean alternative  
24 fuel and shared mobility pilot programs are eligible to participate  
25 in this program.

26 (2) The department must determine specific eligibility criteria,  
27 based on the requirements of this section, the report submitted to  
28 the legislature by the Puget Sound clean air agency entitled  
29 facilitating low-income utilization of electric vehicles, and other  
30 factors relevant to increasing clean alternative fuel vehicle use in  
31 underserved and low to moderate income communities. The department  
32 may adopt rules specifying the eligibility criteria it selects.

33 (3) The department may conduct preliminary workshops with  
34 potential bidders and other potential partners to determine the best  
35 method of designing the ((~~pilot~~)) program.

36 (4) The department must include the following elements in its  
37 proposal evaluation and scoring methodology: History of successful  
38 management of equity focused clean alternative fuel vehicle projects;  
39 substantial level of involvement from community-based, equity focused



1 organizations in the project; plan for long-term financial  
2 sustainability of the work beyond the duration of the grant period;  
3 matching resources leveraged for the project; and geographical  
4 diversity of the projects selected.

5 (5) After selecting successful proposals under this section, the  
6 department may provide grant funding to them. The total grant amount  
7 available per project may range from (~~(fifty thousand to two hundred~~  
8 ~~thousand dollars)~~) \$50,000 to \$200,000. The grant opportunity must  
9 include possible funding of vehicles, charging or refueling station  
10 infrastructure, staff time, and any other expenses required to  
11 implement the project. No more than (~~(ten)~~) 10 percent of grant funds  
12 may be used for administrative expenses.

13 (6) (a) Any property acquired with state grant funding under this  
14 section by nongovernmental participants must be used solely for  
15 program purposes and, if sold, the proceeds of the sale must be used  
16 solely for program purposes.

17 (b) At the termination of a program for providing alternative  
18 fuel car sharing services, the state must be reimbursed for any  
19 property acquired with state grant funding under this section that  
20 nongovernmental participants in the program retain at the time of  
21 program termination. The amount of reimbursement may under no  
22 circumstances be less than the fair market value of the property at  
23 the time of the termination of the program.

## 24 **PART VII: EFFECTIVE DATES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 701.** A new section is added to chapter 70A.65  
26 RCW to read as follows:

27 (1) State agencies that receive or have received appropriations  
28 from the carbon emissions reduction account in an omnibus  
29 transportation appropriations act are required to report information  
30 to estimate emission reductions from fuel conversion activities  
31 funded from these appropriations to the legislature, as well as any  
32 requested information necessary for the estimation and analysis of  
33 projected and realized emission reductions, using the reporting tool  
34 developed by the joint transportation committee in accordance with  
35 section 204(7), chapter 472, Laws of 2023 in a form and manner  
36 prescribed by the joint transportation committee.

37 (2) Reports must include initial reporting of projected emission  
38 reductions at the time of expenditure and continued reporting of

1 factors to be used to calculate estimated realized emission  
2 reductions in subsequent years.

3 (3) The reporting requirement in this section is in addition to  
4 the reporting requirements of RCW 70A.65.300.

5 (4) For purposes of this section, "fuel conversion" means the  
6 purchase of zero emission or hybrid electric vehicles, vessels, or  
7 off-road equipment and the charging or fueling infrastructure needed  
8 to support zero emission or hybrid electric vehicles or vessels.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 702.** Sections 101 through 104, 401, 501  
10 through 503, 601 through 603, and 701 of this act are necessary for  
11 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
12 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
13 and take effect July 1, 2025.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 703.** Sections 402 and 403 of this act take  
15 effect October 1, 2025.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 704.** Sections 201, 207, 208, 210 through 214,  
17 and 301 of this act take effect January 1, 2026.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 705.** Sections 202 and 203 of this act take  
19 effect January 1, 2026, if Substitute House Bill No. 1519 is not  
20 enacted by July 31, 2025.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 706.** Sections 204 through 206 and 302 through  
22 304 of this act take effect July 1, 2026.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 707.** Section 209 of this act takes effect  
24 July 1, 2027.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 708.** Section 208 of this act expires July 1,  
26 2027.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 709.** Sections 207, 208, 213, and 214 of this  
28 act apply to vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or  
29 after January 1, 2026.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 710.**    Sections 202 and 203 of this act apply  
2 to vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or after  
3 January 1, 2026, if sections 202 and 203 of this act take effect.

4        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 711.**    Sections 204 through 206 of this act  
5 apply to vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or after  
6 July 1, 2026.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 712.**    Section 209 of this act applies to  
8 vehicle registrations that are due or become due on or after July 1,  
9 2027.

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