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SENATE BILL 5251

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By Senators Haugen, Swecker, Sheldon, Hobbs, and White

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1            AN ACT Relating to electric vehicle license fees; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 46.17 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the motor  
5 vehicle fuel tax is the primary source of funding for the state's  
6 transportation system. As the state's fleet changes from motor  
7 vehicles powered by traditional sources, such as gasoline and diesel,  
8 to those powered by electricity, the ability of the state to fund the  
9 maintenance and preservation of the transportation system is  
10 compromised. In order to mitigate the impacts of the diminishing motor  
11 vehicle fuel tax, and to create a system where each driver pays for a  
12 fair portion of his or her use of the road, an additional fee is  
13 imposed on electric vehicles.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.17 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16            (1) Before accepting an application for a vehicle registration for  
17 an electric vehicle that uses propulsion units powered solely by  
18 electricity, the department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent

1 appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay a one  
2 hundred dollar fee in addition to any other fees and taxes required by  
3 law. The one hundred dollar fee is due at the time of initial vehicle  
4 registration and annual registration renewal.

5 (2) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to  
6 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways, and is  
7 separate and distinct from other vehicle license fees. Proceeds from  
8 the fee must be used for highway purposes, and must be deposited in the  
9 motor vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

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