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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of biodiesel; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.19 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The legislature recognizes that:

7 (1) Biodiesel is less polluting than petroleum diesel;

8 (2) Using biodiesel in neat form or blended with petroleum diesel
9 significantly reduces air toxics and cancer-causing compounds as well
10 as the soot associated with petroleum diesel exhaust;

11 (3) Biodiesel degrades much faster than petroleum diesel;

12 (4) Biodiesel is less toxic than petroleum fuels;

13 (5) The United States environmental protection agency's new
14 emission standards for petroleum diesel that take effect June 1, 2006,
15 will require the addition of a lubricant to ultra-low sulfur diesel to
16 counteract premature wear of injection pumps; and

17 (6) Biodiesel provides the needed lubricity to ultra-low sulfur
18 diesel.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) All state agencies are encouraged to use a blend of twenty
4 percent biodiesel (B20) with petroleum diesel for use in diesel-powered
5 vehicles and equipment.

6 (2) Effective June 1, 2006, when ultra-low sulfur diesel is
7 mandated by the United States environmental protection agency, all
8 state agencies shall use biodiesel as an additive to ultra-low sulfur
9 diesel for lubricity. The amount of biodiesel added to the ultra-low
10 sulfur diesel fuel shall be not less than two percent.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The definitions in this section apply throughout sections 1 and 2
14 of this act unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

15 (1) "B20" means a fuel blend containing not less than nineteen
16 percent or more than twenty-one percent biodiesel.

17 (2) "Biodiesel" means diesel fuel that consists of a mono alkyl
18 ester of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal
19 fats for use in compression-ignition engines and that meets the
20 requirements of the American society of testing and materials
21 specification D 6751 when blended with conventional diesel fuel.

22 (3) "Ultra-low sulfur diesel" means petroleum diesel in which the
23 sulfur content is not more than fifteen parts per million.

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