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1 AN ACT Relating to the purchase of state motor pool vehicles; and  
2 amending RCW 43.19.570.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.570 and 2002 c 285 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall direct and be responsible for the  
7 acquisition, operation, maintenance, storage, repair, and replacement  
8 of state motor vehicles under its control. The department shall  
9 utilize state facilities available for the maintenance, repair, and  
10 storage of such motor vehicles, and may provide directly or by contract  
11 for the maintenance, repair, and servicing of all motor vehicles, and  
12 other property related thereto and under its control.

13 (2) The department may arrange, by agreement with agencies, for the  
14 utilization by one of the storage, repair, or maintenance facilities of  
15 another, with such provision for charges and credits as may be agreed  
16 upon. The department may acquire and maintain storage, repair, and  
17 maintenance facilities for the motor vehicles under its control from  
18 such funds as may be appropriated by the legislature.

1 (3)(a) The legislature finds that a clean environment is important  
2 and that global warming effects may be offset by decreasing the  
3 emissions of harmful compounds from motor vehicles. The legislature  
4 further finds that the state is in a position to set an example of  
5 large scale use of alternative fuels in motor vehicles and other clean  
6 technologies.

7 (b) The department shall consider the use of state vehicles to  
8 conduct field tests on alternative fuels in areas where air pollution  
9 constraints may be eased by these optional fuels. These fuels should  
10 include but are not limited to gas-powered and electric-powered  
11 vehicles.

12 (c) For planned purchases of vehicles using alternative fuels, the  
13 department and other state agencies shall explore opportunities to  
14 purchase these vehicles together with the federal government, agencies  
15 of other states, other Washington state agencies, local governments, or  
16 private organizations for less cost. All state agencies must  
17 investigate and determine whether or not they can make clean  
18 technologies more cost-effective by combining their purchasing power  
19 before completing a planned vehicle purchase.

20 (d) For the period July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2009, at least  
21 fifty percent of all new vehicles purchased by the department must be  
22 electric hybrid vehicles, vehicles that use alternative fuels, or a  
23 combination of both.

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