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Brief Description: Making state government a leader in clean energy consumption.

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Finds that: (1) Energy production and consumption account for the vast majority of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions;

(2) As a significant consumer of energy resources and a committed steward of public health and environmental quality, Washington state government is well-positioned to be a leader in promoting and using clean energy;

(3) State government actions to promote and use clean energy are consistent with the state's environmental commitments, including addressing the increasingly imminent dangers to Washington's qualities of life that are threatened by global climate changes and improving local and regional air quality;

(4) State government actions to promote and use clean energy are also consistent with the state's high priority policy objectives to maintain competitive energy costs and a reliable and secure supply of energy resources; and

(5) State government actions to promote and use clean energy are also consistent with the state's goals to support economic development opportunities, by reducing traffic congestion and stimulating new and emerging energy technologies within the clean energy industry of the state's high-technology sector.