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1 AN ACT Relating to improving the state of the state by ensuring
2 biofuel market access through the adoption of a statewide renewable
3 fuel standard; amending RCW 19.112.010; adding a new section to chapter
4 19.112 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that every gallon of
7 renewable fuel produced and consumed in Washington state represents one
8 less gallon of refined petroleum product from foreign or domestic
9 sources. Every gallon of renewable fuel produced and consumed in
10 Washington realizes a significant reduction in the amount of harmful
11 vehicle emissions. The legislature further finds a renewable fuel
12 standard is beneficial for the environment in all areas of the state,
13 for agriculture and Washington's farm families, for commerce, for a
14 general increase in our state's level of employment, and for
15 functioning as a bridge that spans the gulf between the mainstream
16 ideological differences of eastern and western Washington.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 19.112 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) Unless otherwise provided under subsection (2) of this section,
2 when there is sufficient verifiable quantities of competitively priced
3 Washington-produced biodiesel fuel available to meet two percent of
4 Washington state's aggregate diesel motor fuel demand, as determined by
5 the director of the department of agriculture, all diesel motor fuels
6 offered at retail sale in Washington must contain at least two percent
7 biodiesel fuel by volume. When calculating whether there is sufficient
8 verifiable quantities of competitively priced Washington-produced
9 biodiesel fuel available to meet two percent of Washington state's
10 aggregate diesel motor fuel demand, the director shall not include a
11 producer's gallons of biodiesel unless it can be verified that a
12 predominant portion of the feedstock used to produce the biodiesel was
13 grown in Washington state.

14 (2) The director may authorize on a temporary basis the sale of
15 motor fuels that do not meet the requirements of this section if the
16 director determines:

17 (a) That sufficient verifiable quantities of competitively priced
18 Washington-produced biodiesel fuel are not available to meet the
19 minimum requirements of this section; or

20 (b) Any other circumstances occur that would make compliance with
21 this section an undue hardship for the motor fuel manufacturer,
22 distributor, retailer, or consumer.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 19.112.010 and 1991 c 145 s 1 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 As used in this chapter:

26 (1) "Motor fuel" means any liquid product used for the generation
27 of power in an internal combustion engine used for the propulsion of a
28 motor vehicle upon the highways of this state. Motor fuels containing
29 ethanol may be marketed if either (a) the base motor fuel meets the
30 applicable standards before the addition of the ethanol or (b) the
31 resultant blend meets the applicable standards after the addition of
32 the ethanol.

33 (2) "Director" means the director of agriculture.

34 (3) "Biodiesel fuel" has the meaning provided in RCW 82.29A.135.

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