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1 AN ACT Relating to consumer and producer information on the use of
2 biofuels and renewable energy production; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28B.31 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.31 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) From funds appropriated specifically for this purpose, the
8 Washington State University energy extension program shall provide
9 consumer education and outreach regarding the use of biofuels in
10 transportation, heating, electricity generation, and other
11 applications. These services must be primarily implemented through
12 grants allocated on a competitive basis to public agencies, nonprofit
13 organizations, and business entities that propose education and
14 outreach programs that further the objectives set forth in subsection
15 (2) of this section.

16 (2) The energy extension program and its grant recipients shall
17 make information available to the public regarding:

18 (a) The availability of biofuels from retail distributors in their
19 community or nearby communities;

1 (b) The processing, refining, and distribution facilities in the
2 state;

3 (c) The various types, grades, and blends of biofuels, and their
4 potential uses;

5 (d) Obtain information from vehicle and equipment manufacturers and
6 services regarding the use of biofuels and modifications which may
7 improve operation on biofuels, and provide such information on the
8 program's web site;

9 (e) The role of the state's agricultural and forest products
10 industries in the supply of biofuel feedstock and the benefits to the
11 state's farm and forest communities of increasing consumer demand for
12 biofuel produced from Washington's farms and forests; and

13 (f) The energy security, air quality, and associated benefits to
14 the entire state of increasing biofuel uses.

15 (3) The energy extension program shall provide technical assistance
16 to public and private entities whose transportation fleet managers seek
17 to increase the use of biofuels in their fleets.

18 (4) The energy extension program must provide information to
19 consumers and producers of renewable energy, including state and
20 federal tax incentives for renewable energy production, sources of
21 technical assistance in the installation of production facilities,
22 information regarding applicable permitting and licensing requirements
23 for such facilities, and information regarding utility acquisition of
24 generation from renewable energy facilities.

25 (5) The energy extension program shall consult with the departments
26 of agriculture, ecology, and community, trade, and economic development
27 to maximize the effectiveness of its consumer education and outreach
28 activities.

29 (6) The energy extension program shall endeavor to provide
30 information throughout the state, but may award individual grants for
31 activities in regional areas of the state.

32 (7) The energy extension program shall begin program design and
33 initial implementation of this section in fiscal year 2007, and fully
34 implement the grant program and provision of information to consumers
35 and producers beginning in fiscal year 2008.

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