

SSB 6822 - S AMD 124  
By Senator Murray

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Given that transportation is the source of  
4 nearly half of Washington's greenhouse gas emissions, and  
5 transportation-related emissions are expected to grow by more than  
6 twenty-five percent by 2020, the legislature finds that significant  
7 reductions in transportation-related emissions are required to meet the  
8 climate pollution reduction goals in Executive Order 07-02.

9 To reduce transportation-related emissions, the state must  
10 implement multiple strategies. New technologies and cleaner fuels are  
11 vital to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, as long as annual  
12 vehicle miles traveled continue to grow, those climate change goals  
13 will remain out of reach.

14 The state's ability to achieve significant vehicle miles traveled  
15 reductions depends, in large part, on the implementation and use of  
16 expanded regional and local multimodal design, tools, innovations, and  
17 investments. The legislature further finds that the reduction of  
18 vehicle miles traveled, through a partnership at the state, regional,  
19 and local levels, is critical to reaching the state's climate pollution  
20 reduction goals.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 (1) To support the implementation of RCW 47.04.280 and  
24 47.01.078(4), the department shall adopt broad statewide goals to  
25 reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050 consistent with  
26 the stated goals of Executive Order 07-02. Consistent with these  
27 goals, the department shall:

28 (a) Establish the following benchmarks using a statewide baseline

1 of seventy-five billion vehicle miles traveled less the vehicle miles  
2 traveled attributable to vehicles licensed under RCW 46.16.070 and  
3 weighing 10,000 pounds or more, which are exempt from this section:

4 (i) Decrease the annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by  
5 eighteen percent by 2020;

6 (ii) Decrease the annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by  
7 thirty percent by 2035; and

8 (iii) Decrease the annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by  
9 fifty percent by 2050;

10 (b) By July 1, 2008, establish and convene a collaborative process  
11 to develop a set of tools and best practices to assist state, regional,  
12 and local entities in making progress towards the benchmarks  
13 established in subsection (1) of this section. The collaborative  
14 process must:

15 (i) Be jointly facilitated by the department and the department of  
16 community, trade, and economic development;

17 (ii) Provide for participation from regional transportation  
18 planning organizations, the Washington state transit association, the  
19 Puget Sound clean air agency, and at least one major private employer  
20 that participates in the commute trip reduction program;

21 (iii) Identify current strategies to reduce vehicle miles traveled  
22 in the state as well as successful strategies in other jurisdictions  
23 that may be applicable in the state;

24 (iv) Identify potential new revenue options for local and regional  
25 governments to authorize to finance vehicle miles traveled reduction  
26 efforts;

27 (v) Provide for the development of measurement tools that can, with  
28 a high level of confidence: (A) Assess the effects of strategies  
29 implemented to reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled on progress  
30 toward the benchmarks at the local, regional, and state levels; (B)  
31 adequately distinguish between common travel purposes, such as moving  
32 freight or commuting to work; and (C) measure trends in per capita  
33 vehicle miles traveled on a five-year basis;

34 (vi) Establish a process for the department to periodically  
35 evaluate progress toward the vehicle miles traveled benchmarks, measure  
36 achieved and projected emissions reductions, and recommend whether the  
37 benchmarks should be adjusted to meet the state's overall goals for the  
38 reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

1 (vii) Estimate the projected reductions in greenhouse gas emissions  
2 if the benchmarks are achieved, taking into account the expected  
3 implementation of existing state and federal mandates for vehicle  
4 technology and fuels, as well as expected growth in population and  
5 vehicle travel;

6 (viii) Examine access to public transportation for people living in  
7 areas with affordable housing to and from employment centers, and make  
8 recommendations for steps necessary to ensure that areas with  
9 affordable housing are served by adequate levels of public  
10 transportation; and

11 (ix) By December 1, 2008, provide a report to the transportation  
12 committees of the legislature on the collaborative process and  
13 resulting recommended tools and best practices to achieve the reduction  
14 in annual per capita vehicle miles traveled goals.

15 (2) Associations representing those vehicles provided an exemption  
16 under subsection (1) of this section are encouraged to continue to  
17 pursue emission reduction efforts including use of cleaner fuels, more  
18 efficient and cleaner vehicle fleets, development of electrification at  
19 idle opportunities, and off-peak delivery schedules."

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20 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "traveled;" strike the  
21 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
22 47.01 RCW; and creating a new section."

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