

**SB 5760-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games present an opportunity to further Washington's energy independence by working with Vancouver, British Columbia, Oregon, and California to develop a hydrogen highway to showcase sustainable transportation and alternative fuels, and to accelerate the commercialization of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.

Provides that "green highway zone" means an area in the state designated by the department that is within reasonable proximity of state route number 5, state route number 90, and state route number 82.

Provides that if the total requested dollar amount of funds for refueling projects under RCW 15.110.020(4) exceeds the amount available in the green energy incentive subaccount created in this act, the applications must be prioritized based upon the following criteria: (1) The extent to which the project will help reduce dependence on petroleum fuels and imported energy either directly or indirectly;

(2) The extent to which the project will reduce air and water pollution either directly or indirectly;

(3) The extent to which the project will establish a viable biofuel or alternative fuel production capacity in Washington;

(4) The extent to which the project will make biofuels and alternative fuels more accessible to the motoring public;

(5) The benefits to Washington's agricultural or alternative fuel producers; and

(6) The number and quality of jobs and economic benefits created by the project.