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1 On page 2, after line 38 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 3. RCW 70.235.010 and 2008 c 14 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (1) "Carbon dioxide equivalents" means a metric measure used to
8 compare the emissions from various greenhouse gases based upon their
9 global warming potential.

10 (2) "Climate advisory team" means the stakeholder group formed in
11 response to executive order 07-02.

12 (3) "Climate impacts group" means the University of Washington's
13 climate impacts group.

14 (4) "Department" means the department of ecology.

15 (5) "Direct emissions" means emissions of greenhouse gases from
16 sources of emissions, including stationary combustion sources, mobile
17 combustion emissions, process emissions, and fugitive emissions.

18 (6) "Director" means the director of the department.

19 (7) "Greenhouse gas" and "greenhouse gases" includes carbon
20 dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons,
21 and sulfur hexafluoride.

22 (8) "Indirect emissions" means emissions of greenhouse gases
23 associated with the purchase of electricity, heating, cooling, or
24 steam.

25 (9) "Person" means an individual, partnership, franchise holder,
26 association, corporation, a state, a city, a county, or any
27 subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

1 (10) "Program" means the department's climate change program.

2 (11) "Small-scale powered equipment" means a tool or other nonroad
3 or marine machine powered by a gasoline, diesel, or propane spark
4 ignition engine that has a standard manufacturer's listed horsepower
5 rating of fifty horsepower or fewer. Examples of the term "small-
6 scale powered equipment" include, but are not limited to, the
7 following items when the components of the definition are satisfied:
8 Lawnmowers, string trimmers, leaf blowers, air compressors, chainsaws,
9 turf equipment, and lawn and garden tractors.

10 (12) "Total emissions of greenhouse gases" means all direct
11 emissions and all indirect emissions.

12 ((+12)) (13) "Western climate initiative" means the collaboration
13 of states, Canadian provinces, Mexican states, and tribes to design a
14 multisector market-based mechanism as directed under the western
15 regional climate action initiative signed by the governor on February
16 22, 2007.

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18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 70.235 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) As part of satisfying the requirements of section 2 of this
21 act, state agencies are, except as otherwise provided in this section,
22 prohibited from purchasing small-scale powered equipment if the market
23 offers an alternative item that is powered by an electrical cord or
24 rechargeable battery.

25 (2) All state agencies shall phase out the use of small-scale
26 powered equipment that have alternative items available on the market
27 that are powered by an electrical cord or rechargeable battery on a
28 timeline that ensures that no such items are in use five years after
29 the effective date of this act.

30 (3)(a) The top administrative official of a state agency may waive
31 the provisions of this section on a case-by-case basis if the top
32 administrative official of the agency publishes a finding in the
33 Washington State Register explaining the details as to why the
34 purchase or use of the small-scale powered equipment was necessary and

1 why the use of an electric-based alternative would have been
2 impractical.

3 (b) The Washington State Register publication requirements of this
4 section may be satisfied with one annual publication summarizing all
5 instances where the requirements of this section were waived by the
6 top administrative official in the preceding year.

7 (4) As a demonstration to other state agencies as to how the
8 requirements of this section may be achieved, the department of
9 general administration shall suspend the use of all spark ignition
10 push lawnmowers, string trimmers, and leaf blowers on the capitol
11 campus by October 1, 2009. The department of general administration
12 shall document its transition from small-scale powered equipment to
13 electrical or manual alternatives to aid other state agencies in their
14 implementation of this section."

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16 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
17 references.

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EFFECT: Prohibits state agencies from purchasing small scale gasoline and diesel fueled equipment when electric and battery alternatives are available on the market unless the agency's administrative official waives the prohibition; phases out the state's use of gas powered equipment when electric and battery alternatives are available; and requires the Department of General Administration to conduct a demonstration project on the Capitol Campus in which the use of spark ignition push lawn mowers, string trimmers, and leaf blowers are suspended.

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