

SSB 5921 - H AMD 710

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington is
4 recognized as a leader in sustainability and climate change and has the
5 foundation to become a leader in the clean energy technologies,
6 products, and services that will be required throughout the world to
7 provide reliable and reduced-emission energy. However, to become a
8 leader, Washington will need policies and strategies to develop new
9 clean energy technologies, attract federal and private investments,
10 attract and grow clean energy companies, and create green jobs.

11 The legislature further finds that positioning Washington to be
12 competitive for federal and private sector clean energy investments
13 will require collaboration between Washington's state agencies, clean
14 energy technology companies, research institutions, national
15 laboratory, and workforce development system to identify our strengths
16 and develop the requisite policies and strategies.

17 It is the intent of the legislature to create a clean energy
18 leadership initiative that will set the path to leverage Washington's
19 energy infrastructure and make Washington a hub for clean energy
20 technology and a leader in the creation of green jobs and the
21 development, deployment, and export of clean energy technologies and
22 services.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The office of the governor, in
24 collaboration with a statewide, public-private alliance, shall convene
25 a clean energy leadership council to prepare a strategy for growing the
26 clean energy technology sector in Washington state. The clean energy
27 leadership council shall be supported by public and private resources
28 including, to the extent available, the resources of the energy policy
29 division of the department of community, trade, and economic

1 development and Washington State University's energy program. The
2 governor, in consultation with the public-private alliance, shall
3 appoint and convene the council by July 31, 2009.

4 (2) The clean energy leadership council must develop strategies and
5 recommendations for growing Washington's clean energy sector. The
6 clean energy leadership council must consist of the following clean
7 energy leaders:

8 (a) Up to ten representatives of companies in the clean energy
9 sector;

10 (b) Representatives of two organizations providing support to clean
11 energy companies; and

12 (c) One representative from each of the following: A public
13 university; the Pacific Northwest national laboratory; a venture
14 capital firm making investments in clean energy companies; and a
15 professional services firm serving clean energy technology.

16 (3) The clean energy leadership council must also include the
17 following members:

18 (a) Four members of the legislature, with one member from each
19 caucus of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
20 house of representatives and one member from each caucus of the senate
21 appointed by the president of the senate;

22 (b) The director of the department of community, trade, and
23 economic development or its successor agency;

24 (c) The governor's designee for energy and climate change
25 initiatives within state government; and

26 (d) One representative from the economic development commission.

27 (4) The clean energy leadership council must be cochaired by: (a)
28 A representative of the clean energy sector, selected by the members of
29 the clean energy leadership council; and (b) the director of the
30 department of community, trade, and economic development or its
31 successor agency.

32 (5) The clean energy leadership council must designate one of its
33 members as its representative on the evergreen jobs leadership team to
34 ensure that the efforts of the clean energy leadership council align
35 with the work of the evergreen jobs leadership team in coordinating the
36 state's effort to lead in the green economy.

37 (6) The clean energy leadership council may appoint such advisory
38 groups as it deems necessary to carry out its work.

1 (7) The clean energy leadership council shall:

2 (a) Conduct a strategic analysis to identify the clean energy
3 industry segments where Washington can either provide national
4 leadership or become one of the top ten states in that segment. The
5 council shall contract with national experts with detailed knowledge of
6 energy markets and other states' operations to conduct the strategic
7 analysis. The strategic analysis must:

8 (i) Identify where Washington has a competitive advantage or
9 emerging strength in research, development, or deployment of clean
10 energy solutions;

11 (ii) Evaluate Washington's competitiveness in its business
12 environment, including regulatory requirements, as it relates to
13 supporting clean energy projects and companies, compared to other
14 states and regions; and

15 (iii) Evaluate Washington's ability to provide national leadership
16 in reducing carbon emissions, developing and deploying utility-scale
17 clean energy applications, and creating exportable products and
18 applications;

19 (b) Develop a set of strategic recommendations, including
20 implementation steps and responsible parties for carrying them out.
21 The strategic recommendations must provide direction for positioning
22 each clean energy segment identified to provide national leadership and
23 must include a delineation of clear, specific outcomes for each segment
24 to achieve. The strategic recommendations must include recommendations
25 on:

26 (i) Consistent policy frameworks that provide stability to
27 encourage investment through a combination of incentives, regulation,
28 taxation, and use of government purchasing power to build viable
29 markets;

30 (ii) The steps necessary for increasing Washington's ability to
31 obtain available competitive federal funds;

32 (iii) The development of public-private partnerships that can help
33 each sector grow, including partnerships to facilitate development and
34 deployment of new technologies at scale;

35 (iv) Necessary investments in universities;

36 (v) Management, entrepreneurial, and emerging business needs;

37 (vi) Joint use facilities, demonstration facilities, and signature
38 research centers that are needed for leadership;

1 (vii) Market access requirements;

2 (viii) Infrastructure needs; and

3 (ix) Capital and financing requirements;

4 (c) Recommend an institutional mechanism to foster effective
5 implementation of its recommendations, including organizational
6 structure, staffing, and funding;

7 (d) Review investments made by the energy policy division of the
8 department of community, trade, and economic development, Washington
9 State University's energy program, utilities, and other entities to
10 identify ways to leverage, increase the effectiveness of, or redirect
11 those funds to increase the state's competitiveness in clean energy
12 technology; and

13 (e) Make recommendations on potential clean energy programs and
14 projects for possible federal funding through the state energy program,
15 consistent with federal requirements and guidelines.

16 (8)(a) By December 1, 2009, the clean energy leadership council
17 shall submit an interim clean energy strategy and initial
18 recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the
19 legislature.

20 (b) By December 1, 2010, the clean energy leadership council shall
21 complete and submit its final clean energy strategy and recommendations
22 to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The energy policy division of the
24 department of community, trade, and economic development, or its
25 successor agency, must consider the clean energy leadership strategy
26 developed under section 2 of this act when preparing its application
27 for federal state energy program funding and determining the type and
28 number of clean energy projects to fund.

29 (2) The energy policy division of the department of community,
30 trade, and economic development, or its successor agency, must consult
31 the clean energy leadership council prior to awarding federal energy
32 stimulus funding for clean energy projects.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The governor shall designate an existing
34 full-time equivalent position within state government as the single
35 point of accountability for all energy and climate change initiatives

1 within state agencies. All agencies, councils, or work groups with
2 energy or climate change initiatives must coordinate with the person in
3 this designated position.

4 (2) The person designated by the governor under subsection (1) of
5 this section shall chair the evergreen jobs leadership team established
6 in section 3, chapter . . . (Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill No.
7 2227), Laws of 2009.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires December 31, 2011.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
12 immediately."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Clarifies that the governor and a statewide public-
private alliance will appoint and convene a clean energy leadership
council to prepare a strategy for growing the clean energy technology
sector in Washington.

Requires the clean energy leadership council to submit an interim
clean energy strategy and initial recommendations to the governor and
legislature by 12/1/2009.

Requires the clean energy leadership council to submit the final
clean energy strategy and recommendations to the governor and
legislature by 12/1/2010.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic
development to consider the clean energy leadership strategy when
preparing its application for federal state energy program funding and
determining the type and number of projects to fund.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic
development to consult the clean energy leadership council prior to
awarding federal energy stimulus funding for clean energy projects.

Requires the governor to designate an existing full-time equivalent
position within state government as the single point of accountability
for all energy and climate change initiatives within state agencies.
State agencies, councils, or work groups must coordinate with this
person.

Adds legislators as members of the clean energy leadership council.

Specifies that the governor's designee for energy and climate
initiatives within state government will chair the evergreen jobs
leadership team established in E2SHB 2227. Specifies that the clean
energy leadership council will designate one of its members as its

representative on the evergreen jobs leadership team to ensure that the efforts of the clean energy leadership council align with the work of the evergreen jobs leadership team.

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