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By Committee on Technology, Energy & Communications

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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 reduced emission energy. However, to become a leader,
8 Washington will need to develop 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 shall create
24 a clean energy leadership initiative in collaboration with a statewide,
25 public-private alliance focused specifically on growing the clean
26 energy technology sector in Washington state. The clean energy
27 leadership initiative is to be supported by public and private
28 resources including, to the extent available, the resources of the
29 energy policy division of the department of community, trade, and

1 economic development and Washington State University's energy program.
2 In carrying out the clean energy leadership initiative, the public-
3 private alliance shall appoint and be guided by a clean energy
4 leadership council.

5 (2) The clean energy leadership council must develop strategies and
6 recommendations for growing Washington's clean energy sector. The
7 clean energy leadership council consists of not more than fifteen clean
8 energy leaders as follows: Up to ten representatives of companies in
9 the clean energy sector, up to two organizations providing support to
10 clean energy companies, one representative from a public university,
11 one representative from the Pacific Northwest national laboratory, one
12 representative from venture capital firms making investments in clean
13 energy companies, and one representative from professional services
14 firms serving clean energy technology. The clean energy leadership
15 council may appoint such advisory groups as it deems necessary to carry
16 out its work.

17 (3) The governor shall designate a person, as the single point of
18 accountability, for all energy and climate change initiatives within
19 state agencies. All state agencies, councils, or work groups with
20 energy or climate change initiatives shall coordinate with this
21 designee.

22 (4) The clean energy leadership council shall:

23 (a) Conduct a strategic analysis to identify the clean energy
24 industry segments where Washington can either provide national
25 leadership or become one of the top ten states in that segment. The
26 council shall engage the highest caliber consultants with detailed
27 knowledge of energy markets and other state's operations to conduct the
28 strategic analysis. The strategic analysis must:

29 (i) Identify where Washington has a competitive advantage or
30 emerging strength in research, development, or deployment of clean
31 energy solutions;

32 (ii) Evaluate Washington's competitiveness in its business
33 environment, including regulatory barriers, as it relates to supporting
34 clean energy projects and companies, compared to other states and
35 regions; and

36 (iii) Evaluate Washington's ability to provide national leadership
37 in reducing carbon emissions, developing and deploying utility-scale

1 clean energy applications, and creating exportable products and
2 applications;

3 (b) Develop a set of strategic recommendations, including
4 implementation steps and responsible parties for carrying them out.
5 The strategic recommendations must provide direction for positioning
6 each clean energy segment identified to provide national leadership and
7 must include a delineation of clear, specific outcomes for each segment
8 to achieve. The strategic recommendations must include recommendations
9 on:

10 (i) Consistent policy frameworks that provide stability to
11 encourage investment through a combination of incentives, regulation,
12 taxation, and use of government purchasing power to build viable
13 markets;

14 (ii) The steps necessary for increasing Washington's ability to
15 obtain available federal funds;

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

19 (iv) Necessary investments in universities;

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

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

23 (vii) Market access requirements;

24 (viii) Infrastructure needs; and

25 (ix) Capital and financing requirements;

26 (c) Identify an institutional mechanism to foster effective
27 implementation of its recommendations, including organizational
28 structure, staffing, and funding;

29 (d) Review investments made by the energy policy division of the
30 department of community, trade, and economic development, Washington
31 State University's energy program, utilities, and other entities to
32 identify ways to leverage, increase the effectiveness of, or redirect
33 those funds to increase the state's competitiveness in clean energy
34 technology;

35 (e) Provide initial recommendations to the governor and legislature
36 on how to procure and leverage federal stimulus funding as soon as
37 feasible;

1 (f) Complete its analysis and submit recommendations to the
2 governor and the legislature by December 1, 2009;

3 (g) Convene a clean energy summit with the governor and legislative
4 leaders within one month of submitting its analysis and
5 recommendations. The summit's purpose is to engage the public and
6 outline the process for implementing the recommendations.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
10 immediately."

11 Correct the title.

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