
SENATE BILL 6336

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1 AN ACT Relating to biodiesel requirements for ferry fuel; and
2 amending RCW 43.19.642.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.642 and 2009 c 470 s 716 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Effective June 1, 2006, for agencies complying with the ultra-
7 low sulfur diesel mandate of the United States environmental protection
8 agency for on-highway diesel fuel, agencies shall use biodiesel as an
9 additive to ultra-low sulfur diesel for lubricity, provided that the
10 use of a lubricity additive is warranted and that the use of biodiesel
11 is comparable in performance and cost with other available lubricity
12 additives. The amount of biodiesel added to the ultra-low sulfur
13 diesel fuel shall be not less than two percent.

14 (2) Effective June 1, 2009, state agencies are required to use a
15 minimum of twenty percent biodiesel as compared to total volume of all
16 diesel purchases made by the agencies for the operation of the
17 agencies' diesel-powered vessels, vehicles, and construction equipment.

18 (3) All state agencies using biodiesel fuel shall, beginning on

1 July 1, 2006, file biannual reports with the department of general
2 administration documenting the use of the fuel and a description of how
3 any problems encountered were resolved.

4 (4) For the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium, the Washington state ferries
5 is required to use a minimum of five percent biodiesel as compared to
6 total volume of all diesel purchases made by the Washington state
7 ferries for the operation of the Washington state ferries diesel-
8 powered vessels so long as the per gallon ((~~price~~)) cost of diesel
9 containing a five percent biodiesel blend level does not exceed the per
10 gallon ((~~price~~)) cost of diesel by more than five percent. If the per
11 gallon ((~~price~~)) cost of diesel containing a five percent biodiesel
12 blend level exceeds the per gallon ((~~price~~)) cost of diesel by more
13 than five percent, the requirements of this section do not apply to
14 vessel fuel purchases by the Washington state ferries. The Washington
15 state ferries shall issue a request for proposals when seeking to
16 purchase ferry fuel in order to best determine the true cost to the
17 department of transportation of using a biodiesel blend versus diesel
18 fuel.

19 (5) By December 1, 2009, the department of general administration
20 shall:

21 (a) Report to the legislature on the average true price
22 differential for biodiesel by blend and location; and

23 (b) Examine alternative fuel procurement methods that work to
24 address potential market barriers for in-state biodiesel producers and
25 report these findings to the legislature.

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