
HOUSE BILL 2259

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education reporting requirements;
2 amending RCW 70.235.050; creating a new section; and repealing RCW
3 28B.10.569.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 minimize the regulatory burden on institutions of higher education and
7 to prioritize scarce resources to be directed to the education of
8 students rather than unnecessary reporting requirements. It is the
9 intent of the legislature specifically that reporting requirements that
10 are duplicative of federal reporting requirements be eliminated.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.235.050 and 2009 c 519 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) All state agencies shall meet the statewide greenhouse gas
14 emission limits established in RCW 70.235.020 to achieve the following,
15 using the estimates and strategy established in subsections (2) and (3)
16 of this section:

17 (a) By July 1, 2020, reduce emissions by fifteen percent from 2005
18 emission levels;

1 (b) By 2035, reduce emissions to thirty-six percent below 2005
2 levels; and

3 (c) By 2050, reduce emissions to the greater reduction of fifty-
4 seven and one-half percent below 2005 levels, or seventy percent below
5 the expected state government emissions that year.

6 (2)(a) By June 30, 2010, all state agencies except institutions of
7 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 shall report estimates of
8 emissions for 2005 to the department, including 2009 levels of
9 emissions, and projected emissions through 2035.

10 (b) State agencies required to report under RCW 70.94.151 must
11 estimate emissions from methodologies recommended by the department and
12 must be based on actual operation of those agencies. Agencies not
13 required to report under RCW 70.94.151 shall derive emissions estimates
14 using an emissions calculator provided by the department.

15 (3) By June 30, 2011, each state agency except institutions of
16 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 shall submit to the
17 department a strategy to meet the requirements in subsection (1) of
18 this section. The strategy must address employee travel activities,
19 teleconferencing alternatives, and include existing and proposed
20 actions, a timeline for reductions, and recommendations for budgetary
21 and other incentives to reduce emissions, especially from employee
22 business travel.

23 (4) By October 1st of each even-numbered year beginning in 2012,
24 each state agency except institutions of higher education as defined in
25 RCW 28B.10.016 shall report to the department the actions taken to meet
26 the emission reduction targets under the strategy for the preceding
27 fiscal biennium. The department may authorize the department of
28 (~~general administration~~) enterprise services to report on behalf of
29 any state agency having fewer than five hundred full-time equivalent
30 employees at any time during the reporting period. The department
31 shall cooperate with the department of (~~general administration~~)
32 enterprise services and the department of (~~community, trade, and~~
33 ~~economic development~~) commerce to develop consolidated reporting
34 methodologies that incorporate emission reduction actions taken across
35 all or substantially all state agencies.

36 (5) All state agencies shall cooperate in providing information to
37 the department, the department of (~~general administration~~) enterprise

1 services, and the department of (~~community, trade, and economic~~
2 ~~development~~)) commerce for the purposes of this section.

3 (6) The governor shall designate a person as the single point of
4 accountability for all energy and climate change initiatives within
5 state agencies. This position must be funded from current full-time
6 equivalent allocations without increasing budgets or staffing levels.
7 If duties must be shifted within an agency, they must be shifted among
8 current full-time equivalent allocations. All agencies, councils, or
9 work groups with energy or climate change initiatives shall coordinate
10 with this designee.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 28B.10.569 (Crime statistics reporting--
12 Campus safety plans--Memoranda of understanding and mutual aid
13 agreements--Task forces--Contact information) and 2008 c 168 s 1 & 1990
14 c 288 s 7 are each repealed.

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