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1 AN ACT Relating to fuel usage by local governments; and amending
2 RCW 43.19.648.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.648 and 2011 c 353 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Effective June 1, 2015, all state agencies, to the extent
7 determined practicable by the rules adopted by the department of
8 commerce pursuant to RCW 43.325.080, are required to satisfy one
9 hundred percent of their fuel usage for operating publicly owned
10 vessels, vehicles, and construction equipment from electricity or
11 biofuel.

12 (2) Effective June 1, 2018, all local government subdivisions of
13 the state, to the extent determined practicable by the rules adopted by
14 the department of commerce pursuant to RCW 43.325.080, are required to
15 satisfy one hundred percent of their fuel usage for operating publicly
16 owned vessels, vehicles, and construction equipment from electricity,
17 compressed natural gas, or biofuel.

18 (3) In order to phase in this transition for the state, all state
19 agencies, to the extent determined practicable by the department of

1 commerce by rules adopted pursuant to RCW 43.325.080, are required to
2 achieve forty percent fuel usage for operating publicly owned vessels,
3 vehicles, and construction equipment from electricity or biofuel by
4 June 1, 2013. The department of (~~general administration~~) enterprise
5 services, in consultation with the department of commerce, shall report
6 to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2013, on what
7 percentage of the state's fuel usage is from electricity or biofuel.

8 (4) Except for cars owned or operated by the Washington state
9 patrol, when tires on vehicles in the state's motor vehicle fleet are
10 replaced, they must be replaced with tires that have the same or better
11 rolling resistance as the original tires.

12 (5) By December 31, 2015, the state must, to the extent
13 practicable, install electrical outlets capable of charging electric
14 vehicles in each of the state's fleet parking and maintenance
15 facilities.

16 (6) The department of transportation's obligations under subsection
17 (3) of this section are subject to the availability of amounts
18 appropriated for the specific purpose identified in subsection (3) of
19 this section.

20 (7) The department of transportation's obligations under subsection
21 (5) of this section are subject to the availability of amounts
22 appropriated for the specific purpose identified in subsection (5) of
23 this section unless the department receives federal or private funds
24 for the specific purpose identified in subsection (5) of this section.

25 (8) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
26 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

27 (a) "Battery charging station" means an electrical component
28 assembly or cluster of component assemblies designed specifically to
29 charge batteries within electric vehicles, which meet or exceed any
30 standards, codes, and regulations set forth by chapter 19.28 RCW and
31 consistent with rules adopted under RCW 19.27.540.

32 (b) "Battery exchange station" means a fully automated facility
33 that will enable an electric vehicle with a swappable battery to enter
34 a drive lane and exchange the depleted battery with a fully charged
35 battery through a fully automated process, which meets or exceeds any
36 standards, codes, and regulations set forth by chapter 19.28 RCW and

1 consistent with rules adopted under RCW 19.27.540.

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