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By Representative Short

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Beginning on page 3, line 16, strike all of section 2 and insert
2 the following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) The office of financial management
4 shall contract with an independent and objective consultant or
5 consultants, as selected by the climate legislative and executive work
6 group created in section 3 of this act, to prepare a credible
7 evaluation of approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as
8 outlined in this section.

9 (b) The climate legislative and executive work group must select
10 the consultant or consultants to be retained by the office of financial
11 management. The consultant or consultants must demonstrate that they
12 can perform nonpartisan, objective, and independent work. The climate
13 legislative and executive work group may not select a consultant or
14 consultants whose employer has retained a lobbyist in Washington state
15 during the immediately preceding five years. Nor may the climate
16 legislative and executive work group select a consultant or consultants
17 whose employer or who has personally contributed to the campaign of a
18 statewide elected official, legislative candidate, or any other
19 political committee in the previous four years. No less than four of
20 the climate legislative and executive work group's five members must
21 support the retention of a consultant or consultants.

22 (2) The evaluation must be provided to the governor by October 15,
23 2013, for use by the climate legislative and executive work group
24 created in section 3 of this act, and prior to that date the
25 independent and objective consultant or consultants selected under
26 subsection (1) of this section may provide selective analyses, drafts,
27 or portions of the report to the work group.

28 (3) The evaluation must include a review of comprehensive
29 greenhouse gas emission reduction programs being implemented in other
30 states and countries, including a review of reduction strategies being

1 implemented in the Pacific Northwest, on the west coast, in neighboring
2 provinces in Canada, and in other regions of the country. For each
3 program, the evaluation must include available information regarding:

4 (a) The effectiveness in achieving the jurisdiction's emission
5 reduction objectives, including the cost per ton of emission reduction;

6 (b) The relative impact upon different sectors of the
7 jurisdiction's economy, including power rates, agriculture,
8 manufacturing, and transportation fuel costs;

9 (c) The impacts upon household consumption and spending, including
10 fuel, food, and housing costs, and program measures to mitigate impacts
11 to low-income populations;

12 (d) Displacement of emission sources from the jurisdiction due to
13 the program;

14 (e) Any significant cobenefits to the jurisdiction, such as
15 reduction of potential adverse effects to public health, from
16 implementing the program;

17 (f) Opportunities for new manufacturing infrastructure, investments
18 in cleaner energy, and greater energy efficiency and jobs;

19 (g) Achievements in greater independence from fossil fuels and the
20 costs and benefits to their economy of doing so; and

21 (h) The most effective strategy and the trade-offs made to
22 implement that strategy.

23 (4) The evaluation must analyze:

24 (a) Washington's emissions and related energy consumption profile,
25 including:

26 (i) Total expenditures for energy by fuel category; and

27 (ii) The sources of the fuels, including imports of oil and other
28 fossil fuels;

29 (b) Options for an approach to emissions reduction that would
30 increase expenditures upon energy sources produced in state relative to
31 expenditures upon imported energy sources, and how that increase would
32 affect job growth and economic performance;

33 (c) Opportunities for new manufacturing infrastructure and other
34 job-producing investments in Washington relating to cleaner energy and
35 greater energy efficiency;

36 (d) Existing studies of the potential costs to Washington consumers
37 and businesses of greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs or
38 strategies being implemented in other jurisdictions;

1 (e) Washington state policies to stabilize or reduce greenhouse gas
2 emissions that will contribute to meeting the greenhouse gas emissions
3 targets, including:
4 (i) Renewable fuels standard;
5 (ii) Energy codes adopted by the state building code council;
6 (iii) Emission performance standards;
7 (iv) Appliance standards;
8 (v) The energy independence act;
9 (vi) Energy efficiency and energy consumption requirement programs
10 for public buildings;
11 (vii) Conversion of public vehicles to clean fuels; and
12 (viii) Public purchasing requirements of vehicles that use clean
13 fuels; and
14 (f) The overall effect on global greenhouse gas levels if
15 Washington meets its greenhouse gas emissions targets.
16 (5) The evaluation must also examine and summarize federal policies
17 that will contribute to meeting the state greenhouse gas emissions
18 targets, including:
19 (a) Renewable fuel standards;
20 (b) Tax incentives for renewable energy;
21 (c) Tailpipe emissions standards for vehicles;
22 (d) Corporate average fuel economy standards for cars and light
23 trucks; and
24 (e) Clean air act requirements for emissions from stationary
25 sources and fossil-fueled electric generating units."

EFFECT: Selection of Consultant to Prepare the Evaluation of Approaches to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Directs the Office of Financial Management to contract with a consultant selected by the climate legislative and executive work group (work group) to prepare an evaluation of approaches to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions (evaluation), rather than the office of the governor.

Specifies that the consultant or consultants must demonstrate that they can perform nonpartisan, objective, and independent work.

Prohibits the work group from selecting a consultant or consultants whose employer has retained a lobbyist in Washington state during the immediately preceding five years.

Restricts the work group from selecting a consultant or consultants whose employer or who has personally contributed to the campaign of a statewide elected official, legislative candidate, or any other political committee in the previous four years.

Provides that no less than four of the work group's five members must support the retention of a consultant or consultants.

Evaluation of Approaches to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Requires the evaluation to provide available information on the impact of various GHG emission reduction programs on different sectors of the jurisdiction's economy, including to the agriculture and manufacturing sectors, and to transportation fuel costs.

Specifies that the evaluation must include an examination of various state and federal energy and climate policies that will contribute to meeting the GHG emissions reduction limits.

Requires the evaluation to include what is the overall effect on global greenhouse gas levels, if Washington meets its GHG emissions reduction targets.

Specifies that the evaluation must include an analysis of existing studies of the potential costs to Washington consumers and businesses of GHG emissions reduction programs or strategies being implemented in other jurisdictions.

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