
SENATE BILL 6342

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By Senators Ranker and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of leaf blowers by state
2 agencies; and amending RCW 43.19.003 and 43.19.125.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.19.003 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 102 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Department" means the department of enterprise services.

9 (2) "Director" means the director of enterprise services.

10 (3) "Leaf blower" means any portable machine powered by a gasoline
11 engine used to blow leaves, dirt, and other debris off sidewalks,
12 driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.

13 (4) "State agency" means any office, department, division, bureau,
14 board, commission, or other agency of the state of Washington.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.19.125 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 s 204 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (1)(a) The director of enterprise services shall have custody and
18 control of the capitol buildings and grounds, supervise and direct

1 proper care, heating, lighting and repairing thereof, and designate
2 rooms in the capitol buildings to be occupied by various state
3 officials.

4 (b) In addition to the powers and duties as provided under RCW
5 43.19.005, the director shall ensure the maintenance and care of
6 grounds under the control of state agencies do not include the use of
7 leaf blowers.

8 (2) During the 2007-2009 biennium, responsibility for development
9 of the "Wheeler block" on the capitol campus as authorized in section
10 6013, chapter 520, Laws of 2007 shall be transferred from the
11 department of general administration to the department of information
12 services.

13 (3) State agencies are prohibited from using leaf blowers.

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