

SHB 2957 - H AMD 2114

By Representative DeBolt

1 On page 14, after line 25, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 70.94
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) The department shall hire a third-party consultant to conduct
5 an economic impact analysis studying the costs to Washington's
6 economy as a result of having to comply with any rule adopted under
7 authority provided in this act. The first report must be submitted to
8 the legislature by December 31, 2021. A similar report must be
9 prepared and delivered by December 31st every odd-numbered year
10 thereafter.

11 (2) If the third-party report submitted to the legislature under
12 subsection (1) of this section demonstrates the rule will cause
13 adverse economic effects to Washington's economy or will
14 significantly increase fuel costs, the department shall suspend
15 implementation of the rule until measures are taken by the department
16 to reduce compliance costs. Any person may petition the department to
17 seek suspension of rules consistent with this section. If the
18 department denies the petition, the person may appeal that decision
19 to Thurston county superior court."

20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
21 internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to hire a third-party consultant for an economic impact analysis of costs to Washington's economy caused by compliance with greenhouse gas emission reduction rules adopted under Clean Air Act authority. Requires the report to be submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2021, and every two years thereafter. Requires Ecology to suspend implementation and take measures to reduce compliance costs if the third-party report demonstrates that rules will cause adverse economic impacts. Authorizes any person to petition Ecology to

suspend greenhouse gas emission reduction rules and to appeal
petition denials in Thurston County Superior Court.

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