

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5811

As of October 21, 2020

Title: An act relating to reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.

Brief Description: Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.

Sponsors: Senators Nguyen, Rolfes, Wilson, C., Lias, Das, Hunt, Kuderer and Saldaña.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/5/20, 57-40.

Committee Activity: Environment, Energy & Technology: 2/12/19, 2/14/19 [DNP, DP, w/oRec].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the Department of Ecology (DOE) to adopt California zero emission vehicle program regulations.
- Removes the requirement to convene an advisory group to review rules prior to rule adoption.
- Removes the requirement for the order of adoption to include the Governor's signature.
- Expands the types of vehicles required to meet California standards to include medium duty vehicles.
- Expands the types of vehicles on which a manufacturer is required to affix a label that discloses comparative greenhouse gas emissions for that new vehicle to include medium duty vehicles.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Carlyle, Chair; Palumbo, Vice Chair; Billig, Das, Lias, McCoy, Nguyen and Wellman.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senators Sheldon, Assistant Ranking Member, Energy & Technology;

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Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senators Ericksen, Ranking Member; Fortunato, Assistant Ranking Member, Environment; Brown, Rivers and Short.

Staff: Angela Kleis (786-7469)

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Jeffrey Mitchell (786-7438)

Background: Under the federal Clean Air Act, states have the option to implement either federal motor vehicle emission standards, or California motor vehicle emissions standards for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles. The motor vehicle emissions standards established by California contain both low-emission and zero emission requirements.

In 2005, the Legislature adopted the California emission standards for passenger cars, light duty trucks, and medium duty passenger vehicles in effect on January 1, 2005, except for the zero emission vehicle standards. DOE has rulemaking authority to implement standards and to amend rules to maintain consistency with the California standards and federal laws. DOE must convene an advisory group to review any proposed rules or changes prior to rule adoption. The order for final adoption of a rule must include the Governor's signature.

No model year 2010 or subsequent model year new passenger car, light duty truck, or medium duty passenger vehicle may be sold in Washington unless there is a label on which the manufacturer clearly discloses comparative greenhouse gas emissions for that new vehicle. Adding here.

Summary of Bill: The bill won't be heard as referred.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): Under the federal Clean Air Act, states have the option to implement either federal motor vehicle emission standards, or California motor vehicle emissions standards for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles. The motor vehicle emissions standards established by California contain both low-emission and zero emission requirements.

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EFFECT OF CHANGES:

Appropriation:

Fiscal Note:

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:

Effective Date:

Staff Summary of Public Testimony (Environment, Energy & Technology):

Persons Testifying (Environment, Energy & Technology): PRO: Senator Joe Nguyen, Prime Sponsor; Craig Kenworthy, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

CON: Mike Ennis, Association of Washington Business; michael transue, Association of Global Automakers; ryan spiller, alliance of auto manufacturers.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying (Environment, Energy & Technology): No one.