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**By** Representatives Ramos, Peterson, Paul, Gregerson, Ryu, Senn, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to the development and coordination of a  
2 statewide don't drip and drive program; adding a new chapter to Title  
3 46 RCW; making appropriations; providing an effective date; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature finds, regarding  
7 the don't drip and drive program undertaken by the department of  
8 ecology between 2011 and 2017, that the program:

9 (i) Was designed to improve vehicle owners' awareness of vehicle  
10 leaks and to motivate the owners of leaking vehicles to fix the  
11 leaks;

12 (ii) Has achieved progress in addressing a significant source of  
13 water pollution in the Puget Sound region: Vehicles that leak fluids  
14 that cause significant water quality impairments;

15 (iii) Was developed in partnership with an extensive coalition of  
16 municipalities and other partners in the Puget Sound region;

17 (iv) Was founded on extensive research and a well developed  
18 educational campaign;

19 (v) Has been funded by a series of one-time grants; and

20 (vi) Has resulted in the reduction of the source of water  
21 pollution from vehicle fluids, as well as a number of ancillary

1 benefits, including improved vehicle fuel economy for vehicle owners,  
2 better air quality, the delayed need for vehicle repairs, improved  
3 reliability in vehicle operation, and others;

4 (b) The legislature further finds that the results of the program  
5 demonstrate benefits that could be realized: More comprehensively,  
6 were the scope of the program to emphasize all benefits of proper  
7 vehicle maintenance; more broadly, were the program to be expanded  
8 statewide; and continuously, were the program to be funded with a  
9 permanent revenue source;

10 (c) The legislature further finds that the benefits of proper  
11 vehicle maintenance are more pronounced in older vehicles; and

12 (d) The legislature also recognizes the value of partnerships  
13 with local governments and private sector stakeholders in ensuring  
14 the development and establishment of a robust and enduring program.

15 (2) The legislature finds that an ongoing and statewide vehicle  
16 maintenance improvement program to sustain and expand on the progress  
17 under the don't drip and drive program is appropriate and necessary.  
18 Such a program must be based on proper groundwork in the form of a  
19 carefully developed implementation plan. The legislature therefore  
20 intends to initiate such development by directing the stormwater  
21 center at Washington State University to guide the formulation of the  
22 plan, in collaboration with local partners and affected stakeholders.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington stormwater center of the  
24 Washington State University shall develop and coordinate a statewide  
25 don't drip and drive program.

26 (1) The program's mission is to use behavior change strategies to  
27 prevent stormwater pollution from leaking motor vehicles, to help  
28 drivers properly maintain vehicles, and to help local jurisdictions  
29 meet national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES)  
30 requirements.

31 (2) The program must be based on the following principles:

32 (a) The program must utilize local partnerships. The program  
33 should partner with local jurisdictions and other public, private,  
34 and nonprofit businesses and organizations, including tribal and  
35 regional organizations as appropriate, to promote the voluntary  
36 program and assist with program implementation.

37 (b) The program should use messaging designed to motivate vehicle  
38 owners to identify and repair leaks in their vehicles.

1 (c) The program should make use of incentives as needed to ensure  
2 success, to the extent that funding or resources is provided for such  
3 purposes.

4 (d) The program should take steps to address environmental  
5 justice and equity issues, such as through outreach to low-income  
6 vehicle owners, to vehicle owners who speak languages other than  
7 English, and to those who may not be available to participate in the  
8 program during normal business hours.

9 (3) With respect to the scope of the program:

10 (a) The program should be expanded to all areas of Washington  
11 state. Any local jurisdiction should have the opportunity to  
12 participate, but should not be required to do so.

13 (b) The program materials and tool kits should be available and  
14 generalized enough to be adaptable to any jurisdiction.

15 (c) The program should provide technical assistance to local  
16 jurisdictions to assist in developing partnerships, offering  
17 workshops, and promoting the program.

18 (d) The program should provide for: Adequate marketing and  
19 advertising; public events and workshops; and partnerships with  
20 commercial and nonprofit organizations.

21 (e) The program should include outreach to businesses and owners  
22 of fleet vehicles.

23 (f) The program should utilize an array of media types with  
24 accessible communications and various languages.

25 (g) The program should account for differences in regional needs  
26 and not employ a one size-fits-all approach.

27 (4) In administering the program, the stormwater center may  
28 leverage expertise by contracting with nonprofit or for profit trade  
29 associations of vehicle repair professionals. The stormwater center  
30 should work closely with a statewide steering committee with  
31 representatives of: The departments of commerce, ecology, and  
32 transportation; local governments holding municipal stormwater  
33 permits; local governments that have previously provided oversight  
34 for the don't drip and drive program funded at the department of  
35 ecology; environmental and environmental justice stakeholders; trade  
36 schools and community colleges; and other regional partnerships, with  
37 neighboring states or British Columbia, as appropriate.

38 (5) The program should be designed with goals and objectives and  
39 include performance measures to track progress. The program should  
40 include regular reporting to the governor and legislature.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    (1)(a) The sum of three hundred thousand  
2 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
3 the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2021, from the motor vehicle fund  
4 to Washington State University for the purposes of developing a plan  
5 for the implementation of a statewide don't drip and drive program.  
6 The plan should be based on the provisions in section 2 of this act  
7 and should include a detailed budget proposal.

8        (b) By September 1, 2020, the university shall submit a copy of  
9 the plan to the governor and the appropriate standing committees of  
10 the legislature.

11        (2) The sum of three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof  
12 as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending  
13 June 30, 2021, from the motor vehicle fund to the department of  
14 commerce for grants to extend the existing don't drip and drive  
15 program through June 30, 2021.

16        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a  
17 new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

18        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
20 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
21 effect July 1, 2019.

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