

E2SHB 1663 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5144.1/22) **1420**
By Senator Short

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1 On page 19, after line 38, insert the following:

2 **"Sec. 18.** RCW 70A.65.260 and 2021 c 316 s 29 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The climate commitment account is created in the state
5 treasury. The account must receive moneys distributed to the account
6 from the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250. Moneys
7 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Projects,
8 activities, and programs eligible for funding from the account must
9 be physically located in Washington state and include, but are not
10 limited to, the following:

11 (a) Implementing the working families tax rebate in RCW
12 82.08.0206;

13 (b) Supplementing the growth management planning and
14 environmental review fund established in RCW 36.70A.490 for the
15 purpose of making grants or loans to local governments for the
16 purposes set forth in RCW 43.21C.240, 43.21C.031, 36.70A.500, and
17 36.70A.600, for costs associated with RCW 36.70A.610, and to cover
18 costs associated with the adoption of optional elements of
19 comprehensive plans consistent with RCW 43.21C.420;

20 (c) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce and mitigate
21 impacts from greenhouse gases and copollutants in overburdened
22 communities, including strengthening the air quality monitoring
23 network to measure, track, and better understand air pollution levels
24 and trends and to inform the analysis, monitoring, and pollution
25 reduction measures required in RCW 70A.65.020;

26 (d) Programs, activities, or projects that deploy renewable
27 energy resources, such as solar and wind power, and projects to
28 deploy distributed generation, energy storage, demand-side
29 technologies and strategies, and other grid modernization projects;

30 (e) Programs, activities, or projects that increase the energy
31 efficiency or reduce greenhouse gas emissions of industrial
32 facilities including, but not limited to, proposals to implement

1 combined heat and power, district energy, or on-site renewables, such
2 as solar and wind power, to upgrade the energy efficiency of existing
3 equipment, to reduce process emissions, and to switch to less
4 emissions intensive fuel sources;

5 (f) Programs, activities, or projects that achieve energy
6 efficiency or emissions reductions in the agricultural sector
7 including:

8 (i) Fertilizer management;

9 (ii) Soil management;

10 (iii) Bioenergy;

11 (iv) Biofuels;

12 (v) Grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for
13 agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy-duty trucks, agricultural
14 pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural
15 operations;

16 (vi) Grants, loans, or any financial incentives to food
17 processors to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas
18 emissions;

19 (vii) Renewable energy projects;

20 (viii) Farmworker housing weatherization programs;

21 (ix) Dairy digester research and development;

22 (x) Alternative manure management; and

23 (xi) Eligible fund uses under RCW 89.08.615;

24 (g) Programs, activities, or projects that increase energy
25 efficiency in new and existing buildings, or that promote low carbon
26 architecture, including use of newly emerging alternative building
27 materials that result in a lower carbon footprint in the built
28 environment over the life cycle of the building and component
29 building materials;

30 (h) Programs, activities, or projects that promote the
31 electrification and decarbonization of new and existing buildings,
32 including residential, commercial, and industrial buildings;

33 (i) Programs, activities, or projects that improve energy
34 efficiency, including district energy, and investments in market
35 transformation of high efficiency electric appliances and equipment
36 for space and water heating;

37 (j) Clean energy transition and assistance programs, activities,
38 or projects that assist affected workers or people with lower incomes
39 during the transition to a clean energy economy, or grow and expand

1 clean manufacturing capacity in communities across Washington state
2 including, but not limited to:

3 (i) Programs, activities, or projects that directly improve
4 energy affordability and reduce the energy burden of people with
5 lower incomes, as well as the higher transportation fuel burden of
6 rural residents, such as bill assistance, energy efficiency, and
7 weatherization programs;

8 (ii) Community renewable energy projects that allow qualifying
9 participants to own or receive the benefits of those projects at
10 reduced or no cost;

11 (iii) Programs, activities, or other worker-support projects for
12 bargaining unit and nonsupervisory fossil fuel workers who are
13 affected by the transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy
14 economy. Worker support may include, but is not limited to: (A) Full
15 wage replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for
16 every worker within five years of retirement; (B) full wage
17 replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for every
18 worker with at least one year of service for each year of service up
19 to five years of service; (C) wage insurance for up to five years for
20 workers reemployed who have more than five years of service; (D) up
21 to two years of retraining costs, including tuition and related
22 costs, based on in-state community and technical college costs; (E)
23 peer counseling services during transition; (F) employment placement
24 services, prioritizing employment in the clean energy sector; and (G)
25 relocation expenses;

26 (iv) Direct investment in workforce development, via technical
27 education, community college, institutions of higher education,
28 apprenticeships, and other programs including, but not limited to:

29 (A) Initiatives to develop a forest health workforce established
30 under RCW 76.04.521; and

31 (B) Initiatives to develop new education programs, emerging
32 fields, or jobs pertaining to the clean energy economy;

33 (v) Transportation, municipal service delivery, and technology
34 investments that increase a community's capacity for clean
35 manufacturing, with an emphasis on communities in greatest need of
36 job creation and economic development and potential for commute
37 reduction;

38 (k) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce emissions from
39 landfills and waste-to-energy facilities through diversion of organic
40 materials, methane capture or conversion strategies, (~~or other~~

1 means)) installation of gas collection devices and gas control
2 systems, monitoring and reporting of methane emissions, or other
3 means, prioritizing funding needed for any activities by local
4 governments to comply with chapter 70A.--- RCW (the new chapter
5 created in section 19 of this act);

6 (l) Carbon dioxide removal projects, programs, and activities;
7 and

8 (m) Activities to support efforts to mitigate and adapt to the
9 effects of climate change affecting Indian tribes, including capital
10 investments in support of the relocation of Indian tribes located in
11 areas at heightened risk due to anticipated sea level rise, flooding,
12 or other disturbances caused by climate change. The legislature
13 intends to dedicate at least \$50,000,000 per biennium from the
14 account for purposes of this subsection.

15 (2) Moneys in the account may not be used for projects or
16 activities that would violate tribal treaty rights or result in
17 significant long-term damage to critical habitat or ecological
18 functions. Investments from this account must result in long-term
19 environmental benefits and increased resilience to the impacts of
20 climate change."

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

23 On page 20, beginning on line 8, after "70A.65.080" strike "and
24 70A.15.1010" and insert ", 70A.15.1010, and 70A.65.260"

EFFECT: Allows local governments to be eligible to receive
funding from the climate commitment act to install gas collection
devices and gas control systems.

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