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**HOUSE BILL 1548**

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**By** Representatives Klippert and Shewmake

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the transportation electrification  
2 fee on hybrid vehicles; amending RCW 46.17.324; and creating a new  
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act intends to clarify that the  
6 hybrid vehicles that are subject to transportation electrification  
7 fees are vehicles that plug in to the electric grid for a source of  
8 power.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.324 and 2019 c 287 s 23 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 To realize the environmental benefits of electrification of the  
12 transportation system it is necessary to support the adoption of  
13 electric vehicles and other electric technology in the state by  
14 incentivizing the purchase of these vehicles, building out the  
15 charging infrastructure, developing greener transit options, and  
16 supporting clean alternative fuel infrastructure. Therefore, it is  
17 the intent of the legislature to support these activities through the  
18 imposition of new transportation electrification fees in this  
19 section.

1           (1) A vehicle that both (a) uses at least one method of  
2 propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an external source  
3 of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at least thirty miles  
4 using only battery power, is subject to an annual seventy-five dollar  
5 transportation electrification fee to be collected by the department,  
6 county auditor, or other agent or subagent appointed by the director,  
7 in addition to any other fees and taxes required by law. For  
8 administrative efficiencies, the transportation electrification fee  
9 must be collected at the same time as vehicle registration renewals  
10 and may only be collected for vehicles that are renewing an annual  
11 vehicle registration.

12           (2) Beginning October 1, 2019, in lieu of the fee in subsection  
13 (1) of this section for a plug-in hybrid electric or alternative fuel  
14 vehicle that is not required to pay the fees established in RCW  
15 46.17.323 (1) and (4), the department, county auditor, or other agent  
16 or subagent appointed by the director must require that the applicant  
17 for the annual vehicle registration renewal of such plug-in hybrid  
18 electric or alternative fuel vehicle pay a seventy-five dollar plug-  
19 in hybrid vehicle transportation electrification fee, in addition to  
20 any other fees and taxes required by law.

21           (3) The fees required under this section must be deposited in the  
22 electric vehicle account created in RCW 82.44.200, until July 1,  
23 2025, when the fee must be deposited in the motor vehicle account.

24           (4) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to  
25 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than thirty-five  
26 miles per hour.

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