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1 AN ACT Relating to express legislative authorization for any
2 greenhouse gas or motor vehicle fuel economy program; adding new
3 sections to chapter 70.235 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that any
6 state or regional program to implement a cap and trade system or any
7 other program to address greenhouse gas emissions or motor vehicle fuel
8 economy that has been or may be proposed by a state agency requires
9 express legislative authorization following a comprehensive assessment
10 of the state fiscal and other economic, consumer, and small business
11 impacts of the program.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.235 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) Neither the department nor any other state agency may adopt or
15 enforce a state or regional program to regulate the emission of
16 greenhouse gas or motor vehicle fuel economy without express
17 legislative authorization that is enacted after the effective date of
18 this section.

1 (2) For the purposes of this section, "greenhouse gas" means carbon
2 dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride,
3 hydrofluorocarbon, or perfluorocarbon.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.235 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The director shall provide a written report to the governor,
7 the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of
8 representatives on each proposed program to address greenhouse gas
9 emissions or motor vehicle fuel economy, including any program that is
10 the subject of a pending or previous rule-making proceeding within
11 three months of either the effective date of this section or the
12 release of recommendations by the participants in the western climate
13 initiative for a regional cap and trade or other program to regulate
14 greenhouse gas emissions or motor vehicle fuel economy.

15 (2) The report must include a description of the proposed program,
16 a comprehensive analysis of the fiscal impact to the state and the
17 economic, consumer, and small business impacts of the proposed program,
18 and the legislation required to authorize the proposed program.

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