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1 AN ACT Relating to presale disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions
2 from new passenger cars, light duty trucks, and medium duty passenger
3 vehicles; adding a new section to chapter 70.120A RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends that new passenger
7 cars, light duty trucks, and medium duty passenger vehicles for sale in
8 Washington display clear and easy to understand information disclosing
9 the new vehicle's greenhouse gas emissions. Further, the legislature
10 intends that disclosure of such emissions serves as a means of
11 educating consumers, other motorists, and the general public about the
12 sources of greenhouse gas, their impact, available options, and in
13 particular the role and contribution of automobiles and other motor
14 vehicles.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.120A
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) No model year 2010 or subsequent model year new passenger car,
18 light duty truck, or medium duty passenger vehicle may be sold in

1 Washington unless there is securely and conspicuously affixed in a
2 clearly visible location a label on which the manufacturer clearly
3 discloses comparative greenhouse gas emissions for that new vehicle.

4 (2) The label required by this section should include a greenhouse
5 gas index or rating system that contains quantitative and graphical
6 information presented in a continuous, easy-to-read scale that compares
7 the greenhouse gas emissions from the vehicle with the average
8 projected greenhouse gas emissions from all passenger cars, light duty
9 trucks, and medium duty passenger vehicles of the same model year. For
10 reference purposes, the index or rating system should also identify the
11 greenhouse gas emissions from the vehicle model of that same model year
12 that has the lowest greenhouse gas emissions.

13 (3) The index or rating system included in the label under
14 subsection (2) of this section shall be updated as necessary to ensure
15 that the differences in greenhouse gas emissions among vehicles are
16 readily apparent to the consumer.

17 (4) An automobile manufacturer may apply to the department of
18 ecology for approval of an alternative to the disclosure labeling
19 requirement that is at least as effective in providing notification and
20 disclosure of the vehicle's greenhouse gas emissions as is the labeling
21 required by this section.

22 (5) A label that complies with the requirements of the California
23 greenhouse gas vehicle labeling program shall be deemed to meet the
24 requirements of this section and any rules adopted under this section.

25 (6) The department of ecology may adopt such rules as are necessary
26 to implement this section.

27 (7) The department of ecology shall provide a status report to the
28 appropriate committees of the legislature on or before December 1,
29 2008, (a) outlining its approach and progress toward implementing a
30 greenhouse gas vehicle emissions disclosure labeling program for
31 Washington, (b) providing an update on the status of California's
32 greenhouse gas vehicle labeling program, and (c) making recommendations
33 as necessary for legislation to meet the intent and purpose of chapter
34 . . . , Laws of 2008 (this act) by the 2010 model year.

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