
HOUSE BILL XXXX

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By Representative Verhey and co-sponsors TBA

1 AN ACT Relating to posting carbon dioxide content and fuel tax
2 information at fuel pumps; making permanent the posting of carbon
3 dioxide content and fuel tax rate information; and adding a new
4 section to chapter 82.38 RCW.

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

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8 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 82.38
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 (1) The department of agriculture shall produce a sticker for
11 display on each motor fuel pump from which fuel is sold at retail
12 that displays and provides notice of the amount of carbon dioxide
13 that is released when the fuel is combusted and notice of the
14 federal and state fuel tax rates. The sticker must display the
15 amount of carbon dioxide, in pounds per gallon, that is released
16 when gasoline and diesel is combusted and the rate of each tax, in
17 cents per gallon, for each type of fuel.

18 (2) The carbon dioxide content listed shall be based on data
19 from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. These amounts are
20 19.6 pounds per gallon for gasoline and 22.4 pounds per gallon for
21 diesel.

22 (3) The department of agriculture shall provide notice of
23 carbon dioxide content and federal and state fuel tax rates, in the
24 form of a carbon dioxide-fuel tax sticker, to be displayed on motor
25 fuel pumps.

26 (4) The department of agriculture shall distribute carbon
27 dioxide-fuel tax stickers to all individuals who conduct fuel pump
28 inspections, including department employees and local government
29 employees. Government employees who conduct fuel pump inspections
30 shall install a carbon dioxide-fuel tax sticker on each motor fuel
31 pump or shall verify that such a current sticker is being displayed
32 at the time of inspection as required under this subsection. Carbon
33 dioxide-fuel tax stickers must:

34 (a) Be displayed on each face of the motor fuel pump on which
35 the price of the fuel sold from the pump is displayed; and

36 (b) Be displayed in a clear, conspicuous, and prominent
37 manner.

38 (5) The department of agriculture shall provide carbon
39 dioxide-fuel tax stickers by mail to fuel pump owners who request
40 them for the face of each motor fuel pump for which a sticker is
41 requested.

42 (6) The department of agriculture shall produce updated carbon

1 dioxide-fuel tax stickers on an annual basis when one or more fuel
2 tax rates have changed.

3 (7) Carbon dioxide-fuel tax stickers must be replaced at the
4 time of motor fuel pump inspection if the sticker has been updated
5 with any new fuel tax rates, or if the existing sticker does not
6 include carbon dioxide content.

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Note: this draft bill is based on HB 1633-S, which was co-sponsored by Reps. Goehner, Entenman, Orcutt, Barkis, Boehnke, Steele, Chapman, Mead, Eslick, & Van Werven in the 2019 Legislature.