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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to energy; amending s. 286.29, F.S.;  
3       revising the selection criteria for purchasing or  
4       leasing vehicles for state agencies, state  
5       universities, community colleges, and local  
6       governments under a state purchasing plan; deleting a  
7       provision requiring the use and procurement of ethanol  
8       and biodiesel blended fuels; requiring the Department  
9       of Management Services, before a specified date, to  
10      make recommendations to state agencies, state  
11      universities, community colleges, and local  
12      governments relating to the procurement and  
13      integration of electric and natural gas fuel vehicles;  
14      amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising the definition of  
15      the term "single-trade inspection"; providing an  
16      effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20       Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 286.29,  
21 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

22       286.29 Climate-friendly public business.—The Legislature  
23 recognizes the importance of leadership by state government in  
24 the area of energy efficiency and in reducing the greenhouse gas  
25 emissions of state government operations. The following shall  
26 pertain to all state agencies when conducting public business:

27       (4) When procuring new vehicles, all state agencies, state  
28 universities, community colleges, and local governments that  
29 purchase vehicles under a state purchasing plan shall first

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30 define the intended purpose for the vehicle and determine which  
31 of the following use classes for which the vehicle is being  
32 procured:

- 33 (a) State business travel, designated operator;
- 34 (b) State business travel, pool operators;
- 35 (c) Construction, agricultural, or maintenance work;
- 36 (d) Conveyance of passengers;
- 37 (e) Conveyance of building or maintenance materials and  
38 supplies;
- 39 (f) Off-road vehicle, motorcycle, or all-terrain vehicle;
- 40 (g) Emergency response; or
- 41 (h) Other.

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43 Vehicles described in paragraphs (a) through (h), when being  
44 processed for purchase or leasing agreements, must be selected  
45 based on the lowest lifetime ownership costs, including costs  
46 for fuel, operations, and maintenance, for the greatest fuel  
47 efficiency available for a given use class ~~when fuel economy~~  
48 ~~data are available~~. Exceptions may be made for individual  
49 vehicles in paragraph (g) when accompanied, during the  
50 procurement process, by documentation indicating that the  
51 operator or operators will exclusively be emergency first  
52 responders or have special documented need for exceptional  
53 vehicle performance characteristics. Any request for an  
54 exception must be approved by the purchasing agency head and any  
55 exceptional performance characteristics denoted as a part of the  
56 procurement process prior to purchase.

57 ~~(5) All state agencies shall use ethanol and biodiesel~~  
58 ~~blended fuels when available. State agencies administering~~

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59 ~~central fueling operations for state-owned vehicles shall~~  
60 ~~procure biofuels for fleet needs to the greatest extent~~  
61 ~~practicable.~~

62 Section 2. Before July 1, 2024, the Department of  
63 Management Services shall make recommendations to state  
64 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local  
65 governments regarding the procurement of electric and natural  
66 gas fuel vehicles and best practices for integrating such  
67 vehicles into existing fleets.

68 Section 3. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section  
69 553.791, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

70 553.791 Alternative plans review and inspection.—

71 (1) As used in this section, the term:

72 (p) "Single-trade inspection" means any inspection focused  
73 on a single construction trade, such as plumbing, mechanical, or  
74 electrical. The term includes, but is not limited to,  
75 inspections of door or window replacements; fences and block  
76 walls more than 6 feet high from the top of the wall to the  
77 bottom of the footing; stucco or plastering; reroofing with no  
78 structural alteration; HVAC replacements; installation of  
79 electric vehicle charging stations; solar energy and energy  
80 storage installations or alterations; ductwork or fan  
81 replacements; alteration or installation of wiring, lighting,  
82 and service panels; water heater changeouts; sink replacements;  
83 and repiping.

84 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.