

**By** the Committees on Finance and Tax; and Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senator Brodeur

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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; specifying  
7       that, if available, a state agency must use certain  
8       fuels in vehicles with internal combustion engines;  
9       requiring the Department of Management Services,  
10      before a specified date, to make recommendations to  
11      state agencies, state universities, community  
12      colleges, and local governments relating to the  
13      procurement and integration of electric and natural  
14      gas fuel vehicles and other vehicles powered by  
15      renewable energy; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising  
16      the definition of the term "single-trade inspection";  
17      providing an effective date.

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

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

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

28       (4) When procuring new vehicles, all state agencies, state  
29 universities, community colleges, and local governments that

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30 purchase vehicles under a state purchasing plan shall first  
31 define the intended purpose for the vehicle and determine which  
32 of the following use classes for which the vehicle is being  
33 procured:

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

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

- 58 (5) When a state agency purchases a vehicle with an

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59 internal combustion engine, it must ~~All state agencies shall use~~  
60 ethanol and biodiesel blended and natural gas fuels when  
61 available. State agencies administering central fueling  
62 operations for state-owned vehicles with an internal combustion  
63 engine shall procure biofuels for fleet needs to the greatest  
64 extent practicable.

65 Section 2. Before July 1, 2024, the Department of  
66 Management Services shall make recommendations to state  
67 agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local  
68 governments regarding the procurement of electric and natural  
69 gas fuel vehicles and other vehicles powered by renewable energy  
70 as defined in s. 366.91(2), Florida Statutes, and best practices  
71 for integrating such vehicles into existing fleets.

72 Section 3. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section  
73 553.791, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

74 553.791 Alternative plans review and inspection.—

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

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

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