

2008 enacted legislation impacting GA

Bill Number and Year	Description
<p>HB 2746 (2008) Concerning the purchasing of fuel by certain state and local agencies</p> <p>By: Rep Jarrett</p> <p>Effective Date: 6/12/08</p> <p>Lead Contact: Steve Krueger (902-7233)</p>	<p>This bill addresses attempts to reduce fuel costs and mitigate market fluctuations on the cost of fuel.</p> <p>King Co Metro will report directly to the Legislature. However, if the Washington State Ferry System (WSF) were to opt into fuel hedging, it is directed to consult with GA.</p>
<p>HB 2815 (2008) Providing a framework for reducing greenhouse gas emission in the Washington economy</p> <p>By: Governor Gregoire</p> <p>Effective date: 6/12/08</p> <p>Lead Contact: Stu Simpson (902-7199)</p>	<p>The bill addresses global warming issues by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through monitoring of large stationary emitters and vehicle fleets</p> <p>By December 1, 2008 the Directors of Ecology and CTED shall deliver to the Legislature specific recommendations for approval and request for authority to implement the preferred design of a regional multisector market-based system, as set forth in Section 4(3)(a).</p> <p>GA will work with DOE/CTED in rulemaking since the bill addresses emissions from automobiles and buildings. GA's motor pool and E&A programs will be impacted.</p> <p>GA is purchasing more hybrid cars that reduce petroleum use per mile by at least 50%.</p>
<p>HB 3120 (2008) Requiring a study on tax incentives to encourage green building.</p> <p>By: Rep Rolfes</p> <p>Effective date 6/12/08</p> <p>Lead Contact: Stu Simpson (902-7199)</p>	<p>Provides sales and use tax remittance for LEED Gold or Platinum projects in jurisdictions that provide an expedited permitting path for environmentally certified projects. Applies to commercial and residential buildings.</p> <p>CTED is directed to conduct a study of the effectiveness of providing tax incentives to encourage green building. A report is due to the Legislature by December 1, 2008.</p>
<p>SB 6483 (2008) Enacting the local farms-healthy kids act.</p> <p>By: Senator Hatfield</p> <p>Effective date: 6/12/08</p> <p>Lead Contact:</p>	<p>Creates a Farm to School program within Department of Agriculture (AGR) and establishes a list of types of assistance and encouragements that AGR must do to increase the purchase of locally grown foods by schools.</p> <p>GA will work with the Departments of Agriculture and Health; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Washington State University to develop policies and procedures, including uniform procurement procedures and materials, to implement this act.</p> <p>Further, policies will be developed to require all food contracts to include a</p>

<p>Steve Krueger (902-7233)</p>	<p>plan to maximize the availability of Washington grown food purchased through the contract.</p>
<p>SB 6776 (2008) Modifying state whistleblower protections By: Senator Kline Effective date: 6/12/08 Lead Contact:</p>	<p>This bill adds to the state whistleblower protection act definitions for abuse of authority, gross mismanagement, and public official. It expands the definition of improper governmental action to address the dissemination of scientific opinion and, also, reprisal or retaliatory actions.</p> <p>Further, the definition of whistle blower is expanded to include an individual reporting alleged improper governmental action to the State Auditor or public official, initiating an investigation.</p> <p>Human Resources will work with the Washington State Human Rights Commission and other agencies throughout the rule-making process.</p>