

STATE OF WASHINGTON

## DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

P.O. Box 47454 • Olympia, Washington 98504-7454 • (360) 534-1600 • FAX (360) 534-1606

January 31, 2017

**TO:** Judy Clibborn, Chair House Transportation Committee

> Curtis King, Chair Senate Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Vikki Smith, Director Department of Revenue

**SUBJECT:** Clean Alternative Fuel Vehicle Tax Exemption

RCW 82.08.809, which was effective July 1, 2016, requires the Department of Revenue to provide to the transportation committees of the legislature:

- 1) The cumulative number of qualifying vehicles titled in the state on or after July 15, 2015, as reported by the Department of Licensing; and
- 2) The cumulative dollar amount of all state retail sales and use taxes exempted on or after July 15, 2015, under RCW 82.08.809 and 82.12.809.

This information is to be calculated by the last day of July 2016, and every six months thereafter until the expiration of the exemption, based on the best available data.

For the period of July 15, 2015 through November 30, 2016, Department of Licensing calculated **2,403 qualifying vehicles.** Department of Licensing is in the process of transferring to a new software system and is unable to provide the qualifying vehicles for December 2016 in time for this required report, but we anticipate the information will be available for the next report due July 31, 2017.

For the period of July 15, 2015 through December 31, 2016, the Department of Revenue calculated **\$3,661,637 in state retail sales and use taxes exempted**.

If you have questions about this information, please contact David Duvall, Legislative Liaison, at (360) 534-1545 or <u>DavidD@dor.wa.gov</u>.

cc: Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives David Schumacher, Director, Office of Financial Management