

Serving the
Northwest for
over 50 years.



Hot Topic

To: All FWAA Members Operating in Washington State

From: James F. Fitzgerald, Executive Director

Subject: Washington State Initiative 732

Date: August 24, 2016

I-732 is a carbon tax initiative which will appear on the November ballot in Washington State.

The ballot summary is as follows:

This measure would impose a carbon emission tax on the sale or use of certain fossil fuels and fossil-fuel-generated electricity, at \$15 per metric ton of carbon dioxide in 2017, and increasing gradually to \$100 per metric ton (2016 dollars adjusted for inflation), with more gradual phase-in for some users. It would reduce the sales tax rate by one percentage point over two years, increase a low-income sales tax exemption, and reduce certain manufacturing taxes.

Here is a link to the Measure:

http://sos.wa.gov/assets/elections/initiatives/FinalText_779.pdf

In order to accurately analyze this measure and its effect, we need to collect some data from our members who operate in Washington State. We respect your privacy and are not interested in linking any data to a company name or individual name, only the aggregate data and the number of businesses providing the data.

Here is what is needed:

- Gallons of fuel your company would purchase/yr. or their annual budget (\$\$) for fuel purchases
- Annual Capital Expenditures (New equipment)
- Purchases of goods subject to sales tax
- Electrical expense and/or usage
- Fertilizer budget (gross number of pounds or dollars of all fertilizer products purchased)

Please send the most accurate information possible to Admin@fwaa.org by COB on August 31st, 2016. Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation.