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Why is it that officials here in WA believe they have to do everything that is done in CA? This proposal is a prime example. Anyone with common sense knows that this whole proposal is riddled with technical and financial problems that can not be resolved given the technical problems that exist. The availability of the battery material is crucial. The cost of a vehicle is too expensive for most Washingtonians, the electrical grid cannot handle the demand that would be placed on it, and the objective of "cleaning our air would not be realized as long as the moves from West to East and China continues to generate their power using dirty coal-fired plants, etc. It's like no one in WA DOE is paying any attention to any of the problems that CA alone is having. Adding more demand for the limited resources will not make any of the problems go away, only to make them get worse. Just because someone in power says this is the way it will be, does not change the hard facts of reality. Only God can speak and make something happen. History is full of ideas that failed because they were not thought out beforehand.

Working at almost all jobs, including DOE, requires superior reasoning, logic, and reading comprehension skills. It would appear that most, if not all, current DOE employees are severely deficient in these areas. Otherwise, proposals like this one would never see the light of day until all areas are thoroughly researched and reasonable solutions are presented for all identified problems. This proposal ignores all of the problems identified in the plan put forth by the CA governor. His proposal, like this one, is based on emotions, not logic, common sense, and reality. Approval of this proposal would be very detrimental to what is best for the citizens of WA State. It is easy for someone in power to just say this is the way it is going to be but the harsh facts of reality can not be ignored by everyone. Those who do not learn from the problems and failures of others are very foolish. Approval of this proposal shows that the DOE employees are not intelligent enough to be trusted with the responsibilities that have been given to them.