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Currently, approximately 25% of the electricity used in Kitsap County is created by burning coal. This percentage would increase with the implementation of the grossly misnamed "clean air" vehicles act. The more electricity needed, the more coal will be burned. Gas at our local Cenex just hit \$6.09 per gallon. This and the cost of diesel will increase, causing another rise in the price of all items, since everything you wear, eat or live in is brought to you by truck.

Battery operated vehicles are not cost effective in production or operation, and are inadequate for farmers, ranchers and those who live a greater distance from services. When more people get stuck in traffic jams or use up their battery's power in the winter or snow, more people will realize the foolishness of this mandate. But then it will be too late.