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The new ZEV rule would mean that Washington state will become one of the first states to adopt California's ban on the sale of new gas-powered vehicles by 2035 to be implemented in phases. Starting in 2026, in just three years, 35% of new passenger vehicles sold in Washington must be electric vehicles (EVs), increasing to 68% by 2030 and 100% by 2035. The rule applies to all new cars, light-duty trucks, SUVs and vans and even hybrids.

EVs are still too costly and don't work for most families. Washington residents should be able to choose the vehicle that works best for them.

The average EV costs \$66,000.1 This mandate will cost consumers and businesses BILLIONS. Creating the charging infrastructure to support this mandate will be expensive and could take years. The cost of electric grid upgrades needed for new EV charging loads, are unknown and could be in the BILLIONS.

Gas/electric hybrid vehicles makes sense, contribute to reduced pollution, and such be promoted as a first step in any transition.