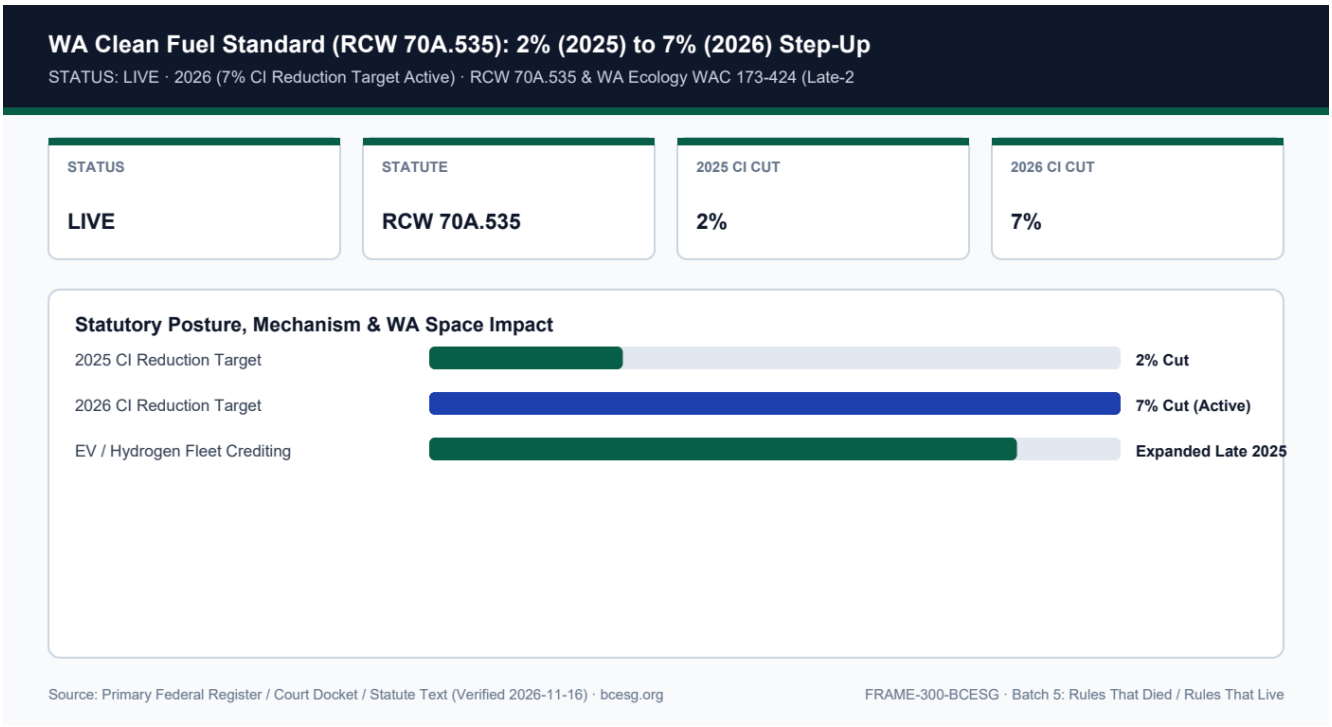
WA Clean Fuel Standard (RCW 70A.535): LIVE — 7% Carbon Intensity Cut Active in 2026

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Rule: Washington Clean Fuel Standard (CFS, RCW 70A.535 & WAC 173-424) | **Status:** LIVE | **Instrument:** RCW 70A.535 & WA Ecology WAC 173-424 (Late-2025 Rule Updates) | **Date:** 2026 (7% CI Reduction Target Active)

Verdict & Proof: Washington's Clean Fuel Standard (RCW 70A.535) is LIVE and tightening. Following the 2023–2024 pilot period and a 2% carbon intensity (CI) reduction in 2025, the mandatory transportation-fuel CI reduction stepped up to 7% in 2026 under updated Ecology rules (WAC 173-424).



Year	WA CFS Carbon Intensity Reduction	Status
2023–2024	0.5%–1.0% initial ramp	Completed
2025	2.0% reduction	Completed
2026	7.0% reduction (HB 1409 / WAC 173-424)	LIVE — Active

Who Owes What by When: Fuel Suppliers & Fleet Electrification

Under RCW 70A.535 and WAC 173-424, fuel producers and importers must reduce the lifecycle carbon intensity of gasoline and diesel sold in Washington—stepping from 2% in 2025 to 7% in 2026—or purchase CFS credits. Ecology's late-2025 rule updates (implementing HB 1409) added third-party verification and expanded crediting for heavy-duty EV charging and hydrogen infrastructure.

For Kent Valley and Seattle aerospace logistics, CFS drives diesel/jet-ground-support fuel surcharges while creating credit-generation opportunities for electrified yard tractors and hydrogen refueling.

Relation to Rocket Propellants

Orbital rocket propellants (RP-1, liquid methane, LOX) are not highway transportation fuels, but ground-fleet drayage between Kent, Port of Seattle/Tacoma, and Moses Lake is directly exposed.

Verified Primary Sources & Internal Bridges

• WA Dept. of Ecology: Clean Fuel Standard: https://ecology.wa.gov/air-climate/reducing-greenhouse-gas-emissions/clean-fuel-standard