

# WASHINGTON CLEAN TECH ALLIANCE

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Weekly Report

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The legislature has completed its second week with a variety of proposals being introduced around technology innovation and renewable energy development. There have also been a variety of bills introduced to weaken or change Initiative 937 and the portfolio standards contained in it. There is quite a bit of work being done behind the scenes to support some of the expiring tax incentives around renewable energy, as well as research and development tax credits. At this point, Governor Inslee has not made public any policies around his innovation agenda. We expect his proposals to begin coming forward in the next two weeks. Currently, it is still unclear what those proposals might be and with the majority coalition in the Senate controlled largely by the Republicans, it is uncertain if these policy proposals will actually generate any momentum.

## BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

### MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

		<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
<a href="#">1017</a>	Creating new efficiency standards.	Morris	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">1030</a>	Adopting the electric transmission line siting compact.	Morris	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">1154</a>	Modifying the definition of nonpower attributes in the energy independence act.	Upthegrove	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">1347</a>	Allowing incremental electricity produced as a result of efficiency improvements to hydroelectric generation projects whose energy output is marketed by the Bonneville power administration to qualify as an eligible renewable resource under the energy independence act.	Short	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">4200</a>	Amending the state Constitution to require that hydroelectric generation be recognized as a renewable resource.	Haler	Monitor	H, Environment
<a href="#">5032</a>	Extending the tax credit expiration date for certain contributions made to electric utility rural economic development revolving funds.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5041</a>	Implementing recommendations related to the tax preference review process conducted by the joint legislative audit and review committee and the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.	Hasegawa	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
<a href="#">5189</a>	Concerning photovoltaic electrical systems.	Smith	Monitor	S, Commerce and La
<a href="#">5294</a>	Hydroelectricity (Supplement not yet available.)		Monitor	S, Energy, Environ

## CALENDAR ITEMS

1/30/2013 1017 Efficiency standards Environment 1:30 PM HHR C

## BILL TRACKING DETAILS

**1017**

Representative Morris

### EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

**MORRIS**

Creates new efficiency standards for battery charger systems, water closets, and urinals.  
Authorizes a city or county to enact an ordinance authorizing the sale and installation of nonlow consumption water closets or urinals.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1017.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1017.pdf)

**1030**

**ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES**

**MORRIS**

Representative Morris

Adopts the electric transmission line siting compact.

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**1154**

**NONPOWER ATTRIBUTES**

**UPTHEGROVE**

Representatives Upthegrove and Ryu

Provides exclusions to the definition of "nonpower attributes" for purposes of the energy independence act.

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**1347**

**HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION/BPA**

**SHORT**

Representatives Short, Takko, Kretz, Kristiansen, Klippert, Pike, Haler, Angel, Harris, Smith, Hayes, Magendanz, Vick, Buys, Schmick, Holy, Warnick, Dahlquist, Shea, Condotta, Fagan, and Parker

Authorizes a qualifying utility, under the energy independence act, to use certain eligible renewable resources to meet its compliance obligation with regard to annual targets.

Prohibits a qualifying utility from transferring or selling these eligible renewable resources to another utility for compliance purposes.

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**4200**

**HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION**

**HALER**

Representative Haler

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to require that hydroelectric generation be recognized as a renewable resource.

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**5032**

**ELECTRIC UTILITY FUNDS**

**ERICKSEN**

Senator Ericksen

Extends the expiration date, from June 30, 2011, to June 30, 2018, on the tax credit for certain contributions made to electric utility rural economic development revolving funds.

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**5041**

**TAX PREFERENCES**

**HASEGAWA**

Senators Hasegawa and Conway

Implements recommendations related to the tax preference review process conducted by the joint legislative audit and review committee and the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax preferences.

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**5189**

**PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTR. SYSTEMS**

**SMITH**

Senators Smith, Benton, Braun, Becker, Padden, Hill, Bailey, Sheldon, Dammeier, Honeyford, and Roach

Allows a person with a valid limited energy system electrician certificate or a valid telecommunications electrician certificate to obtain

an endorsement from the department of labor and industries allowing the person to install, maintain, replace, or repair photovoltaic electrical systems.

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**HYDROELECTRICITY**

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