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Weekly Report

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Governor Inslee was sworn in and inaugurated on Wednesday, and has given clear indications that he will be focusing on innovation tools and policies in the coming months of session. What exactly those policies are is still unclear; however, he has indicated a desire to create some kind of trading mechanism for research and development tax credits for start ups. He has also indicated a desire for incentives in the area of renewable energy development. While these policies are still unclear, it is expected that they will be met with skepticism in the Senate. We expect several pieces of legislative policy to be introduced in the coming weeks, designed to help spur what Governor Inslee calls "the innovation economy."

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

		Sponsor	Position	Status
1017	Creating new efficiency standards.	Morris	Monitor	H, Environment
1030	Adopting the electric transmission line siting compact.	Morris	Monitor	H, Environment
1154	Modifying the definition of nonpower attributes in the energy independence act.	Upthegrove	Monitor	H, Environment
4200	Amending the state Constitution to require that hydroelectric generation be recognized as a renewable resource.	Haler	Monitor	H, Environment
5032	Extending the tax credit expiration date for certain contributions made to electric utility rural economic development revolving funds.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
5041	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

CALENDAR ITEMS

1/23/2013	1030	Electric transmission lines	Environment	1:30 PM	HHR C
1/24/2013	1154	Nonpower attributes	Environment	10:00 AM	HHR C

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

1017   EFFICIENCY STANDARDS   MORRIS
Representative 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

1030   ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES   MORRIS
Representative Morris

Adopts the electric transmission line siting compact.

Full Text URL: http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1030.pdf

1154   NONPOWER ATTRIBUTES   UPTHEGROVE

Representatives Upthegrove and Ryu

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

Full Text URL: http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1154.pdf

4200   HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION   HALER

Representative Haler

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

Full Text URL: http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/4200.pdf

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.

Full Text URL: http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/5032.pdf

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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