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Weekly Report

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Reading Bills

Key:
S = An "S" before a House or Senate bill indicates a Substitute Bill. This means the bill was amended from the original version
2S = A two will always be followed by an "S." This marker indicates a Second Substitute Senate or House Bill. This means a bill was amended by a second committee, usually a fiscal committee.
E = An "E" indicates an engrossed bill. This means the bill was amended on the floor of the chamber before it was passed out of the house of origin.

The legislature completed 4th week with Committee cutoff on Friday. Any policy bill must have passed out of its original committee by Friday or it is considered dead for this session and will not have any Mir work done. This marks the midpoint of session and the next week will be spent in Floor action with both chamber debating various bills before the entire House or Senate.

The House Technology and Economic Development Committee Passed out HB 2176 related to lease alternative energy systems passed out of committee and work continues on comprehensive changes to the solar energy incentive program as well as solar leasing programs. If enough agreement and momentum are reached all of the solar concepts are expected to be rolled in to House Bill 1301 and will move forward as a single piece of Legislation. The Issues surrounding both the solar incentive program and the leasing options remain very complicated and it is still unclear in anything will move forward this session.

The High Tech Tax credit bills in the Senate passed out of the Senate Economic Development Committee and are currently scheduled for hearing in the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Monday.

BILL TRACKING SUMMARY

MEDIUM PRIORITY BILLS

	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
E2S1301 Creating clean energy jobs in Washington state through renewable energy incentives. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/13)	Morris	Monitor	H, Rules 3C
S2059 Concerning the voluntary purchase of eligible renewable resources by customers of electric utilities. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Morris	Monitor	H, Rules R
S2176 Concerning leased energy systems. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Morris	Monitor	H, Rules R
S2183 Maintaining a robust, clean, and job rich energy policy in the state of Washington that builds upon the goals created by the energy independence act. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Morris	Monitor	H, 2nd Reading
2671 Clarifying the application of tax exemptions for vehicles powered by clean alternative fuels.	Magendanz	Monitor	H, Finance
2685 Extending tax preferences for high-technology research and development.	Pettigrew	Monitor	H, Finance
2753 Imposing motor vehicle fuel taxes on compressed natural and liquefied natural gas used for transportation purposes.	Clibborn	Monitor	H, Trans
6021 Concerning a qualified alternative energy resource.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6258 Using conservation achieved by a qualifying utility in excess of its biennial acquisition target under the energy independence act.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Rules 2
6267 Concerning high-technology research and development tax incentives.	Hill	Monitor	S, Ways & Means

6430	Extending tax preferences for high-technology research and development.	Lias	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
S6440	Imposing motor vehicle fuel taxes on compressed natural and liquefied natural gas used for transportation purposes.	King	Monitor	S, Rules 2
S6518	Transferring technology-based economic development programs from innovate Washington to the department of commerce.	Chase	Monitor	S, Ways & Means
6541	Encouraging reliable distributed renewable energy.	Ericksen	Monitor	S, Energy, Enviro

CALENDAR ITEMS

2/10/2014	2753	Compressed natural gas/taxes	Transportation		10:00 AM	HHR B
2/10/2014	6267	High-tech R&D tax incentives	Ways & Means		TVW 1:30 PM	SHR 4
2/10/2014	6430	High-tech R&D tax prefs	Ways & Means		TVW 1:30 PM	SHR 4

BILL TRACKING DETAILS

E2S1301 **MORRIS**
CLEAN ENERGY JOBS
 House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Ryu, McCoy, Hudgins, Morrell, and Pollet)

Declares an intent to: (1) Attract a vibrant clean technology sector to the state; and (2) Improve the use of tax incentives, created in the act, by state residents and businesses, streamline program administration, and incubate the development of clean energy technology by modifying the existing renewable energy investment cost recovery incentive program.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/1301-s2.e.pdf>

S2059 **MORRIS**
ELIGIBLE RENEWABLE RESOURCES
 House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representative Morris)

Requires an investor-owned utility, at the request of a nonresidential electric customer, to create a tariff that includes a standard contract to allow the customer and other interested nonresidential customers to purchase voluntarily renewable resources in one megawatt-hour units.
 Requires the governing board of a consumer-owned utility, upon request of an electric customer of a consumer-owned utility, to create a tariff schedule or contract that allows the customer to purchase voluntarily renewable resources in one megawatt-hour units.
 Requires a customer requesting to purchase voluntarily renewable resources to make a deposit with the utility to cover the cost of work hours at the electric utility to develop the tariff.

Full Text URL: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2059-s.pdf>

S2176 **MORRIS**
LEASED ENERGY SYSTEMS
 House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representative Morris)

Authorizes an electric utility to offer a leased energy program that must offer to customers across all rate classes the opportunity to lease from the electric utility a renewable energy system that will be installed on the customer's property.
 Requires the department of ecology to conduct an assessment of the environmental consequences, throughout the product lifecycle, associated with leased energy systems and energy storage systems installed in this state containing hazardous materials, rare earth minerals, and other commercially valuable materials.
 Requires the utilities and transportation commission to publish a list of financing models being offered by investor-owned utilities or third-party vendors registered as competitive electrical companies.
 Requires investor-owned utilities and third-party vendors offering leased energy systems, upon request of the utilities and

transportation commission, to provide information on the financial terms of leased energy systems currently under contract.

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52183

STATE ENERGY POLICY

MORRIS

House Committee on Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Ormsby, Fey, and Hudgins)

Requires the joint committee on energy supply and energy conservation to make recommendations to the energy committees of the legislature on ways to improve the effectiveness and implementation of the existing law and policies that would further the renewable energy and energy efficiency goals for utilities after 2020.

Requires the Washington State University energy program to conduct a resource assessment on the amount of new energy resources that could be made available with a high-efficiency cogeneration policy or a thermal heating efficiency policy to assist the joint committee deliberations in developing new energy performance standards after 2020.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House Bills/2183-s.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2183-s.pdf)

2671

ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

MAGENDANZ

Representatives Magendanz, Carlyle, Manweller, Fey, Warnick, Sawyer, Morris, Gregerson, Hansen, Condotta, Muri, Tharinger, Morrell, Wylie, Haler, Fitzgibbon, S. Hunt, Tarleton, Freeman, Ortiz-Self, and Moscoco

Clarifies the application of sales and use tax exemptions for vehicles powered by clean alternative fuels.

Companion Bill: 6496 Alternative fuel vehicles S, Energy, Environ

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2685

HIGH-TECH R&D TAX PREFS

PETTIGREW

Representatives Pettigrew, Manweller, Springer, Morris, Goodman, Smith, Habib, Wilcox, Clibborn, Tarleton, Magendanz, Zeiger, Gregerson, Young, and Freeman

Delays the expiration of tax preferences for high-technology research and development.

Companion Bill: 6430 High-tech R&D tax prefs S, Ways & Means

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2753

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS/TAXES

CLIBBORN

Representative Clibborn

Imposes motor vehicle fuel taxes on natural gas, the sale of compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas, used as transportation fuel by a motor vehicle.

Clarifies for future use the appropriate taxation of natural gas, when used as a transportation fuel, in a manner similar to gasoline and diesel.

Companion Bill: 6440 Compressed natural gas/taxes S, Rules 2

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6021

QUALIF'D ALT ENERGY RESOURCE

ERICKSEN

Senator Ericksen

Revises the definition of "qualified alternative energy resource," for purposes of RCW 19.29A.090, to include the electricity or thermal energy produced from generation facilities that are fueled by biomass energy based on liquid organic fuels from wood, forest, or field residues.

Companion Bill: 2223 Qualif'd alt energy resource H, Tech & Econ D

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6258

CONSERVATION BY UTILITY

ERICKSEN

Senators Ericksen, Chase, Sheldon, Brown, and Honeyford

Revises the energy independence act to allow conservation achieved by a qualifying utility in excess of its biennial target to be applied as a direct credit toward any of the next three subsequent biennial targets, such that no more than fifty percent of any biennial target may be met with excess conservation savings.

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6267

HIGH-TECH R&D TAX INCENTIVES

HILL

Senator Hill

Requested by
Office of Financial Management

Delays the expiration date for high-technology businesses as follows: (1) The business and occupation tax credit for research and development spending; and
(2) The sales and use tax deferral for eligible investment projects.
Creates the high-technology research and development investment working group to develop recommendations for the legislature that integrates high-technology research and development activities with investments in higher education.

Full Text URL: [http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/Senate Bills/6267.pdf](http://www.leg.wa.gov/pub/billinfo/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/Senate%20Bills/6267.pdf)

6430

HIGH-TECH R&D TAX PREFS

LIAS

Senators Liias, Fain, Hobbs, Litzow, Eide, Dammeier, McAuliffe, Baumgartner, Cleveland, Angel, and Ericksen

Delays the expiration of tax preferences for high-technology research and development.

Companion Bill: 2685 High-tech R&D tax prefs H, Finance

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S6440

COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS/TAXES

KING

Senators King, Eide, and Kline

Imposes motor vehicle fuel taxes on natural gas, the sale of compressed natural gas, or liquefied natural gas, used as transportation fuel by a motor vehicle.
Clarifies for future use the appropriate taxation of natural gas, when used as a transportation fuel, in a manner similar to gasoline and diesel.

Companion Bill: 2753 Compressed natural gas/taxes H, Trans

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S6518

TECH-BASED ECON DEVELOPMENT

CHASE

Senator Chase

Requested by
Washington State Department of
Commerce

Abolishes innovate Washington and transfers its powers, duties, and functions to the department of commerce.
Requires innovate Washington to work with the department of enterprise services to have all real property used by innovate Washington assigned to Washington State University.
Creates the innovate Washington program in the department of commerce to: (1) Support business growth in the state's innovation and technology sectors; and
(2) Facilitate statewide technology transfer and commercialization activities for the purpose of increasing the state's economic vitality.
Requires the department of commerce to establish an investing in innovation grant and loan oversight board to review the grants and

loans made from the investing in innovation program.

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6541

DISTRIBUTED RENEWABLE ENERGY

ERICKSEN

Senators Ericksen, McCoy, and Billig

Encourages reliable distributed renewable energy.

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