



## 2023 Legislative Session Weekly Report CleanTech Alliance January 21, 2023

### Week Two

On Monday, January 16th, both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) honored the late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr., by adopting resolutions on the floor. On Tuesday, [Republican](#) and [Democratic](#) leaders in both the House and the Senate gathered for media availability where they answered questions about their priorities and various bills moving through the legislative process. On Wednesday, U.S. Senator Patty Murray and State Senator Claire Wilson held a [joint press conference](#) to discuss affordable child care. This rest of the week was full of committee hearings and executive sessions.

In week two we saw public hearings on several high-profile pieces of legislation including policies on guns, middle housing, recycling, and nurse staffing. All of these hearings attracted large numbers of supporters and opponents. On Tuesday, 4,406 people signed in not wishing to testify in House Civil Rights & Judiciary on [HB 1240](#) (Peterson, D-21), a Governor and Attorney General request bill that prohibits the manufacture, importation, distribution, sale, or offer for sale of any assault weapon, with a few exceptions. This is the seventh session Attorney General Bob Ferguson has requested this bill and democrats hope this is the year they will succeed.

Also on Tuesday the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee heard legislation related to nurse staffing, SB 5236 (Robinson, D-38). Over 3000 people signed in not wishing to testify. The bill directs L&I to set staffing standards for healthcare workers, specifically, to set minimum nurse to patient ratios. Nurse staffing has been a contentious issue the last several sessions, unlike the 2022 bill this legislation does not set staffing standards in statute.

Addressing affordable housing continues to be a top legislative priority this session. This week middle housing was front and center as there was a public hearing on [HB 1110](#) (Bateman D-20), legislation that would allow for more density in residential neighborhoods that are zoned for single family detached housing. The bill has strong support from labor, urbanists, builders, business and realtors however some local jurisdictions have concerns. While increasing housing supply has been a big focus for the legislature, they continue to focus on housing stabilization as well. On Tuesday, Representatives Nicole Macri and Alex Ramel held a [press conference](#) on bills relating to the rent stabilization act.

The Washington Recycling and Packaging act, or the WRAP Act ([SB 5154/](#)[HB 1131](#)), had public hearings in both the House and Senate this week. This bill proposes implementing end producer responsibility (EPR), a bottle deposit system, and minimum recycled content requirements. The bill is supported by

environmentalists and local governments and is opposed by industries including hospitality and grocery stores.

This week Senator Noel Frame (D-36) and Representative My-Linh Thai (D-41) introduced a Wealth Tax bill at a [press conference](#). The bills (HB 1473/SB 5486) would create a property tax on the ownership of stocks, bonds, and other financial assets over \$250 million. The revenue generated is dedicated to four funds - the Education Legacy Trust Fund, which is a dedicated funding source for early learning, K-12, and higher education; the Housing Trust Fund, which pays for the construction of affordable housing, and two new funds created in the bill: a Disabilities Care Trust account that will pay for services for Washingtonians with disabilities, and a Taxpayer Justice account, that will offer credits against taxes paid by low and middle-income families.

Senator Frame also introduced a new Margins Tax bill ([SB 5483](#)) this week. The Margins tax was a [recommendation](#) coming out of the Tax Structure workgroup. The Margins Tax is meant to replace the B&O tax and instead of a business paying tax on their gross revenue with no deductions, each year, a business gets to take one major deduction of their choosing and then their tax is calculated on their remaining margin. The bill is scheduled to be heard next week.

Next week, committee hearings and executive sessions will continue. Unless considered necessary to implement the budget, all must be out of their house of origin policy committee by February 17th in order to stay alive this legislative session.

We are continuing to wait on responses to the thermal bill from the CTA membership. We are also continuing to work on finalizing language and introducing the bill on added thermal options for renewable energy credits. We have a meeting on Tuesday, January 24th, with Representative Beth Doglio to discuss further.

The sustainable aviation fuel package ([SB 5447](#)) has been introduced by Senator Andy Billig, and we expect that to receive hearings and quite a bit of attention in the coming weeks. There has been significant traction and active engagement by a broader coalition, which we are a part of, including organizing testimony for any upcoming hearings. Please see the email from me related to this topic.

#### **[SB 5165](#) - *Concerning electric power system transmission planning***

This bill, sponsored by Senator Joe Nguyen, was heard in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee on [Wednesday, January 18th](#), but has yet to be scheduled for executive session.

#### **[HB 1192](#) / [SB 5165](#) - *Concerning electric power system transmission planning***

Both vehicles of this legislation, sponsored by Representative Duerr and Senator Nguyen, were up for public hearing last week. The Senate version was heard by the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology on [Thursday, January 18th](#) and the House version was heard in the House Committee on Environment & Energy Committee on [Thursday, January 19th](#). Currently, neither vehicle is scheduled for executive session.

#### **[HB 1216](#)/[SB 5380](#) - *Concerning clean energy siting***

The legislation, sponsored by Representative Fitzgibbon, had a public hearing in the House Environment & Energy Committee heard [HB 1216](#) on [Thursday, January 19th](#). It has yet to be scheduled for executive session. The Senate vehicle of this legislation has a public hearing in the [Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology at 1:30 PM on January 24th](#).

#### **[HB 1076](#) - *Encouraging salmon recovery through voluntary stewardship***

This legislation, sponsored by Representative Klicker, authorizes counties and cities to include an optional salmon recovery plan under the GMA. On [Thursday, January 12](#), the House Committee on Environment & Energy held a public hearing on this legislation. An executive session on this bill has yet to be scheduled.

**[HB 1170/SB 5093](#) - *Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.***

This agency requested legislation, sponsored by Representative Street, requires DOE to update the Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy by July 2024 and every 4 years after. The House vehicle of this legislation was heard in front of the House Committee on Environment & Energy on [Thursday, January 12th](#), and on [Monday, January 16th](#). It is currently scheduled for executive session on [January 23rd](#).

The Senate vehicle of this legislation, sponsored by Senator Rolfes, had a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology on [Friday, January 20th, at 8:00 AM](#).

## Upcoming Events Report

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/23 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1170 - Exec Session - Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/24 @ 4:00pm**

- HB 1427 - Public Hearing - Concerning on-premises energy generation. (Remote Testimony Available).
- HB 1433 - Public Hearing - Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/25 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5129 - Public Hearing - Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Local Government (House) - HHR E and Virtual JLOB - 1/25 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1181 - Exec Session - Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/26 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1173 - Exec Session - Reducing light pollution associated with certain energy infrastructure.

### **Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/27 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5057 - Public Hearing - Creating a work group to evaluate the costs of the state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings. (Remote Testimony Available).

## Bill Status

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor
<a href="#">HB 1076</a>	Salmon voluntary stewardship	Encouraging salmon recovery through voluntary stewardship.	H Env & Energy	Klicker
<a href="#">HB 1125</a> (SB 5162)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey
<a href="#">HB 1126</a> (SB 5164)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey
<a href="#">HB 1131</a> (SB 5154)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H Env & Energy	Berry
<a href="#">HB 1140</a> (SB 5187)	Operating budget	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby
<a href="#">HB 1141</a> (SB 5188)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby
<a href="#">HB 1147</a> (SB 5200)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger
<a href="#">HB 1148</a> (SB 5201)	State gen. obligation bonds	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger
<a href="#">HB 1170</a> (SB 5093)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	H Env & Energy	Street
<a href="#">HB 1173</a>	Light pollution	Reducing light pollution associated with certain energy infrastructure.	H Env & Energy	Connors
<a href="#">HB 1181</a> (SB 5203)	Climate change/planning	Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.	H Local Govt	Duerr
<a href="#">HB 1282</a> (SB 5322)	Public building materials	Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.	H Cap Budget	Duerr
<a href="#">HB 1416</a>	Consumer-owned utilities	Applying the affected market customer provisions of the Washington clean energy transformation act to nonresidential customers of consumer-owned utilities.	H Env & Energy	Doglio
<a href="#">HB 1427</a>	On-premises energy gen.	Concerning on-premises energy generation.	H Env & Energy	Mena
<a href="#">HB 1433</a>	Energy labeling/residential	Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings.	H Env & Energy	Duerr
<a href="#">SB 5037</a>	Natural gas/energy code	Ensuring that the Washington state energy code may not prohibit the use of natural gas in buildings.	S Environment, E	Wilson
<a href="#">SB 5043</a>	Power plant long-term policy	Recognizing that power plants that comply with the state greenhouse gas emissions performance standard are consistent with Washington's long-term policy for electricity.	S Environment, E	Short
<a href="#">SB 5057</a>	Energy standards/commercial	Creating a work group to evaluate the costs of the state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings.	S Environment, E	Mullet

<a href="#">SB 5091</a>	Hydrogen fuel cells	Creating and expanding tax incentives for the research, development, production, and sale of hydrogen fuel cells in Washington state.	S Business, Fin	King
<a href="#">SB 5093</a> (HB 1170)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	S Environment, E	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5094</a>	Water system plans/climate	Adding a climate resilience element to water system plans.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5129</a>	Nuclear reactor technology	Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington.	S Environment, E	MacEwen
<a href="#">SB 5133</a>	Responsible bidder criteria	Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.	S State Govt & E	Keiser
<a href="#">SB 5146</a>	Hydropower	Removing regulatory restrictions on hydropower.	S Environment, E	Short
<a href="#">SB 5154</a> (HB 1131)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	S Environment, E	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5162</a> (HB 1125)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias
<a href="#">SB 5164</a> (HB 1126)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias
<a href="#">SB 5165</a> (HB 1192)	Electric transm. planning	Concerning electric power system transmission planning.	S Environment, E	Nguyen
<a href="#">SB 5167</a>	EFSEC/alt. energy processing	Eliminating expedited processing of alternative energy resource facilities fueled by solar or wind energy on certain designated lands before the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Environment, E	Boehnke
<a href="#">SB 5168</a>	Energy independence act	Modernizing the energy independence act to avoid regulatory duplication and overlap with other laws.	S Environment, E	Boehnke
<a href="#">SB 5187</a> (HB 1140)	Operating budget	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5188</a> (HB 1141)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5201</a> (HB 1148)	State gen. obligation bonds	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	S Ways & Means	Mullet
<a href="#">SB 5312</a>	Clean energy/residential	Creating a residential property assessed clean energy and resiliency program.	S Loc Gov, Land	Lovelett
<a href="#">SB 5322</a> (HB 1282)	Public building materials	Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.	S State Govt & E	Wellman
<a href="#">SB 5325</a>	Clean fuel/public transport.	Enhancing access to clean fuel for agencies providing public transportation.	S Environment, E	Shewmake
<a href="#">SB 5345</a>	School buildings/energy	Exempting certain public school buildings from the state energy performance standard.	S Environment, E	Schoesler
<a href="#">SB 5447</a>	Alternative jet fuel	Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.	S Environment, E	Billig