



## 2023 Legislative Session Weekly Report

### CleanTech Alliance

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#### Week Four

As we go into the fifth week of the legislative session, we are a quarter of the way through the 2023 legislative session. During the 4th week of the legislative session, the number of bill introductions have begun to slow down. The legislature continues to work on moving legislation out of policy and fiscal committees. The first major cutoff is the house of origin policy committee cutoff on February 17th. By this date all bills that are not necessary to implement the budget must be passed out of their policy committee in order to stay alive this session.

Senator Marko Liias, Senator Emily Randall, Representative Monica Stonier and Representative Jamila Taylor joined for the weekly [legislative democratic leaders media availability](#) on Tuesday. They discussed issues relating to childcare accessibility, public safety, and the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality against Move Ahead Washington which is the transportation package that the legislature passed last year. [Republican leadership media availability](#) was also held on Tuesday and joined by Senator John Braun, Senator Chris Gildon, Representative JT Willcox and Representative Peter Abbarno. Senator Braun voiced that Republican primary focus this session is public safety, education, and housing.

The Working Families Tax Credit program to provide nearly 400,000 families with \$1200 cash refunds went live on February 1st. Click [here](#) for more information about the program. Additional bills relating to the WFTC program had hearings this week; [HB 1000](#), sponsored by Rep. Stokesbary (R-31) that would expand the program by doubling the maximum and minimum credit amounts for all applicants with at least one qualifying child, [HB 1075](#), sponsored by Rep. Thai (D-41) changes the age requirement from 18-25, and [HB 1477](#), sponsored by Rep. Thai (D-41), which allows filing as “married filing separately” to qualify for the credit.

Housing continues to be a primary focus this legislative session. According to Representative Mia Gregerson, Washington state currently needs an additional 150,000 homes and that number is going to escalate to 1 million in the next two decades. In order to address that shortage legislators have introduced several bills this session. You can read more [here](#). On Tuesday, a bipartisan group of legislators from the House and Senate came together for a [Legislative Press Conference on Housing Supply](#).

The legislature must also address the 2021 Blake decision, which struck down Washington State’s drug possession law as unconstitutional. As you can read in [this article](#), lawmakers are tasked with determining the future of our drug possession laws. Next week on Monday the Senate Law and Justice Committee will hear a number of bills on this topic. You can see the hearing schedule [here](#). This will likely be one of the most contentious issues this session.

Other hearings of note this week include [HB 1258](#), sponsored by Rep. Ryu (D-32), which was heard in the House Appropriations Committee this week. The bill would increase statewide tourism funding in Washington by reinvesting the existing sales tax on tourism sales such as hotels, rental cars and restaurants and changing the

match requirements. Washington's tourism agency is currently the least funded in the United States. The Senate companion is scheduled for a hearing next week in the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

Next week will continue with committee hearings and executive sessions as we approach the first cutoff. At this point in session the focus is primarily on policy bills however in the upcoming weeks following the release of the March revenue forecast, budget debates will begin to unfold.

We continue to work to get the final language for introduction of the thermal RECs bill, and are working with Representative Hackney to get that introduced soon.

**[HB 1505/ SB 5447](#) - *Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.***

This legislation, sponsored by Representative Slatter in the House and Senator Billig in the Senate, is the legislation that works to incentivize the production of sustainable aviation fuel. The House vehicle of this legislation has a public hearing in front of the [House Committee on Environment & Energy at 4:00 PM on February 7th](#). The Senate vehicle of this legislation's public hearing in front of the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology was on [February 1st](#). The bill is currently scheduled for [executive session on February 7th at 1:30 PM](#).

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

This Governor request legislation would create an Interagency Clean Energy Siting Coordinating Council to be co-chaired by the Department of Ecology and the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the council would be to expedite the permitting for clean energy projects. The bill would also establish a definition for clean energy projects "of statewide significance" and require SEPA review to be completed within two years. The Senate version is scheduled for executive session on [Friday, February 10th](#), and the House version is scheduled for [Thursday, February 9th](#). A large amount of work continues to be done by stakeholders regarding this legislation and we expect evolution as it continues to move through the session.

**[HB 1756](#) - *Supporting clean energy through tax changes that increase revenue to local governments, schools, and impacted communities***

This legislation, sponsored by Representative Ramel, was recently introduced. The bill has a public hearing scheduled in front of the [House Committee on Finance on February 7th at 8:00 AM](#).

**[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 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. 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 had executive action taken on [January 26th](#) and a substitute version of the legislation passed out of the House with a do pass recommendation. The bill currently is scheduled for a public hearing in front of the [House Committee on Appropriations on February 6th at 4:00 PM](#). 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](#) and a [substitute version](#) of the bill passed out of the Senate with a due pass recommendation on [January 27th](#). The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Ways & Means for further consideration.

#### 2023 Session Cutoff Calendar

January 9, 2023 - First Day of Session  
February 17, 2023 - Policy Committee Cutoff  
February 24, 2023 - Fiscal Committee Cutoff  
March 8, 2023 - House of Origin Cutoff  
March 29, 2023 - Policy Committee Cutoff - Opposite House  
April 4, 2023 - Fiscal Committee Cutoff - Opposite House  
April 12, 2023 - Opposite House Cutoff  
April 23, 2023 - Sine Die

## Upcoming Events Report

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/6 @ 1:30pm**

- HB 1589 - Public Hearing - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future. (Remote Testimony Available).
- HB 1619 - Public Hearing - Incentivizing development and acquisition of renewable energy resources. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/6 @ 4:00pm**

- SHB 1170 - Public Hearing - Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy. (Remote Testimony Available).
- SHB 1181 - Public Hearing - Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/7 @ 1:30pm**

- SB 5165 - Exec Session - Concerning electric power system transmission planning.
- SB 5447 - Exec Session - Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/7 @ 4:00pm**

- HB 1505 - Public Hearing - Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington. (Remote Testimony Available).
- HB 1584 - Public Hearing - Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington. (Remote Testimony Available).

### **Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 2/9 @ 8:00am**

- HB 1589 - Exec Session - Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.

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**Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs (Senate) - SHR 3 and Virtual JACB - 2/9 @ 10:30am**

- SB 5312 - Exec Session - Creating a residential property assessed clean energy and resiliency program.

**Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 2/10 @ 8:00am**

- SB 5322 - Exec Session - Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.

**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="#">SHB 1131</a> (SB 5154)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H ENVIDPS	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="#">SHB 1170</a> (SSB 5093)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	H Approps	Street
<a href="#">SHB 1173</a>	Light pollution	Reducing light pollution associated with certain energy infrastructure.	H Rules R	Connors
<a href="#">SHB 1181</a> (SB 5203)	Climate change/planning	Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.	H Approps	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 Rules R	Doglio
<a href="#">HB 1427</a>	On-premises energy gen.	Concerning on-premises energy generation.	H Env & Energy	Mena
<a href="#">SHB 1433</a>	Energy labeling/residential	Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings.	H Approps	Duerr

<a href="#">HB 1505</a> (SB 5447)	Alternative jet fuel	Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Slatter
<a href="#">HB 1509</a>	Community solar	Concerning fair access to community solar.	H Env & Energy	Hackney
<a href="#">HB 1574</a>	Methane/agriculture	Supporting Washington agriculture by capturing methane and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	H Ag&Nr	Rule
<a href="#">HB 1584</a>	Nuclear reactor technology	Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Barnard
<a href="#">HB 1589</a> (SB 5562)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	H Env & Energy	Doglio
<a href="#">HB 1619</a>	Renewable energy resources	Incentivizing development and acquisition of renewable energy resources.	H Env & Energy	Fey
<a href="#">HB 1768</a>	Green businesses/utility tax	Exempting certain sales of electricity to qualifying green businesses from the public utilities tax.		Shavers
<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="#">SSB 5093</a> (SHB 1170)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<a href="#">SSB 5094</a>	Water system plans/climate	Adding a climate resilience element to water system plans.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
<a href="#">SB 5129</a>	Nuclear reactor technology	Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington.	S 2nd Reading	MacEwen
<a href="#">SSB 5133</a>	Responsible bidder criteria	Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.	S Ways & Means	Keiser
<a href="#">SB 5146</a>	Hydropower	Removing regulatory restrictions on hydropower.	S Environment, E	Short
<a href="#">SB 5154</a> (SHB 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	Mullett
<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 Environment, En	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> (HB 1505)	Alternative jet fuel	Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.	S Environment, E	Billig
<a href="#">SB 5562</a> (HB 1589)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	S Environment, E	Nguyen