



2024 Legislative Session Weekly Report

CleanTech Alliance

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Week One

The first week of the 2024 60-day legislative session is complete. The week began on Monday with opening ceremonies in the House and Senate where lawmakers on the floor discussed priority issues for the session including passing supplemental budgets. The rest of the week was filled with committee hearings. There have been nearly 1000 new pieces of legislation introduced and as a reminder, any bill introduced last session that did not pass is automatically reintroduced this session. Next week, committee hearings and executive sessions will continue. The first major cutoff is January 31 when all bills without a fiscal impact must be out of their policy committee to remain alive.

Key Issues Before the Legislature - Week 1:

*Please click on the provided hyperlinks for more information on any given topic.

Budget

- **Governor Inslee's 2024 Supplemental Budget**: The primary legislative objective during session is to pass the state's Supplemental Capital, Operating, and Transportation Budgets. During the first year of the biennium, legislators work to pass the state's 2-year budget and then they come back in the second year to adjust spending for current economic conditions. The Governor's proposal was reviewed this week in its respective committees.
 - Capital Budget Hearings: [House](#) / [Senate](#)
 - Operating Budget Hearings: [House](#) / [Senate](#)
 - Transportation Budget Hearings: [House](#) / [Senate](#)
- Later in Session the House and Senate will release their own proposals for the 2024 Supplemental Budgets.

Labor

- **Unemployment Insurance and Strikes - [SB 5777](#)**: This bill seeks to amend current laws regarding unemployment insurance for workers involved in strikes or lockouts. It was heard this week in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee.

Environment

- **Climate Commitment Act** - This week, Senators Nguyen (Chair of the Senate Environment Committee) and MacEwan (Ranking Member on the Senate Environment Committee) to discuss the CCA.

- **Recycling - [HB 1900](#), [HB 2049](#), and [HB 2144](#):** Hundreds of people came to show opposition or support during the committee hearings on these three bills. HB 1900 and 2049 are very similar bills that seek to improve the recycling program in Washington state. The only difference is that one bill (2049) includes Extended Producer Responsibility while the other does not. HB 2144 seeks to implement a bottle deposit tax and return system that mirrors what Oregon and California have.

Housing

- **[The New Real Estate Excise Tax Bill - HB 2276](#):** On Wednesday, Democrats proposed a bill in Washington that aims to increase funding for affordable housing by imposing a higher tax on real estate sales over \$3 million and reducing the tax rate for sales under \$750,000. The bill intends to allocate the generated revenue to various housing initiatives. Opponents argue that it could lead to higher costs for multi-family housing and increased living expenses. Supporters say it is seen as a critical measure to address the state's housing challenge. The bill is up for a [public hearing on January 18](#) in front of House Finance.
- **Transit-oriented Housing Development ([HB 2160](#))** - This bill prohibits cities planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) from enacting or enforcing any development regulation within a station area that prohibits the siting of multifamily residential housing where any other residential use is permissible, with some exceptions. This bill had a [public hearing on January 9](#) and is scheduled for [executive action on January 15](#).

Insight - Week 1:

- **Initiatives Update:** The initiatives are not certified yet, so there is no update.
 - Articles of Interest - [Cap and Trade](#) & [Washington State Standard](#)
- **Legislative Focus for the 2024 Legislative Session:** [2024 Legislative Preview](#), [Axios](#), [Seattle Times](#)
- **Leadership Interviews:**
 - **What to Expect this Session (01/08/2024):** [Jay Inslee](#), [Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig \(D-Spokane\)](#), [House Speaker Laurie Jinkins \(D-Tacoma\)](#), [Senate Republican Leader John Braun \(R-Centralia\)](#), [House Republican Leader Drew Stokesbary \(R-Auburn\)](#)
 - **Legislative Media Availability:** [Democratic Leadership](#) / [Republican Leadership](#)
- **Opening Ceremonies:** [House](#) / [Senate](#)

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Important Dates:

Jan 31 – House of Origin Policy Cutoff
 Feb 5 – House of Origin Fiscal Cutoff
 Feb 13 – House of Origin Floor Cutoff
 Feb 21 – Opposite House Policy Cutoff
 Feb 26 – Opposite House Fiscal Cutoff
 March 1 – Opposite House Floor Cutoff
 March 7 – Sine Die

CleanTech Alliance Specifics

We are working to identify a prime sponsor for the Governor's Clean Energy Fund legislation, as well as working with [Helion](#) on their nuclear fusion legislation. Additionally, we are working to support Helion with their dinner event in support of the fusion legislation.

The Senate version of the carbon market linkage bill ([SB 6058](#)) was [heard on Friday](#) in the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee, and the House version ([HB 2201](#)) is scheduled to be heard in the House Environment & Energy Committee on [Monday at 1:30pm](#).

Other bills that had a [public hearing on Monday \(01/08/24\)](#) in the House Environment & Energy committee:

- Representative Shavers' bill ([HB 1924](#)) works to require the state to support technologies like fusion. Jackie Siebens with Helion Energy, Ryan Umstattd with Zap Energy, and Hawkins DeFrance with Avalanche Energy Designs, Inc. all testified in support of the legislation. The bill has been scheduled for [executive session on January 15](#).
- Representative Ramel's Thermal Energy Networks bill for gas utilities ([HB 2131](#)) was heard and is also scheduled for [executive session on January 16](#).
- Representative Slatter's bill ([HB 2073](#)) regarding greenhouse gasses from sources other than methane and carbon dioxide.

Representative Mena's bill ([HB 2000](#)) which works to renew Washington's international leadership legislation had a [public hearing on Wednesday, January 10](#), and was voted out of committee with a do pass recommendation (6-1) on [Friday, January 12](#).

Upcoming Events Report

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/15 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1924 - Exec Session - Promoting the integration of fusion technology within state clean energy policies.
- HB 2201 - Public Hearing - Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/16 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5919 - Public Hearing - Concerning the sale of biogenic carbon dioxide and other coproducts of biogas processing. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/16 @ 4:00pm

- HB 2070 - Public Hearing - Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions. (Remote Testimony Available).
- HB 2131 - Public Hearing - Promoting the establishment of thermal energy networks. (Remote Testimony Available).
- HB 2253 - Public Hearing - Concerning fair access to community solar. (Remote Testimony Available).

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/16 @ 4:00pm

- SSB 5133 - Public Hearing - Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects. (Hearing is on the Proposed Substitute.) (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/17 @ 8:00am

- SB 6052 - Public Hearing - Concerning petroleum products supply and pricing. (Remote Testimony Available).
- SB 6092 - Public Hearing - Concerning disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions. (Remote Testimony Available).

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/17 @ 1:30pm

- HB 2082 - Public Hearing - Assessing the needs of the electrical transmission industry. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR C and Virtual JLOB - 1/18 @ 8:00am

- 2SHB 1433 - Exec Session - Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings.

Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade (Senate) - SHR 2 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/18 @ 10:30am

- SB 6168 - Public Hearing - Renewing Washington's international leadership. (Remote Testimony Available).

Environment, Energy & Technology (Senate) - SHR 1 and Virtual J.A. Cherberg - 1/19 @ 8:00am

- SB 6039 - Exec Session - Promoting the development of geothermal energy resources.

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 1/19 @ 8:00am

- HB 2082 - Exec Session - Assessing the needs of the electrical transmission industry.

Bill Status

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor
HB 1076	Salmon voluntary stewardship	Encouraging salmon recovery through voluntary stewardship.	H Env & Energy	Klicker
SHB 1094 (SSB 5125)	Future fund program	Creating the Washington future fund program.	H Approps	Stonier
EHB 1125 (SSB 5162)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium.	H Passed 3rd	Fey

HB 1126 (SB 5164)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.	H Transportation	Fey
2SHB 1131 (SSB 5154)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H Rules X	Berry
SHB 1140 (ESSB 5187)	Operating budget	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Rules X	Ormsby
HB 1141 (SB 5188)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby
SHB 1147 (ESSB 5200)	Capital budget	Concerning the capital budget.	H Rules X	Tharinger
ESHB 1148 (SSB 5201)	State gen. obligation bonds	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	C 473 L 23	Tharinger
E2SHB 1170 (SSB 5093)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	C 169 L 23	Street
ESHB 1173	Light pollution	Reducing light pollution associated with certain energy infrastructure.	C 344 L 23	Connors
E2SHB 1181 (SSB 5203)	Climate change/planning	Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.	C 228 L 23	Duerr
E2SHB 1216 (SSB 5380)	Clean energy siting	Concerning clean energy siting.	C 230 L 23	Fitzgibbon
ESHB 1282 (SSB 5322)	Public building materials	Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.	H Rules 3C	Duerr
2SHB 1390	District energy systems	Concerning district energy systems.	C 291 L 23	Ramel
2SHB 1391	Energy in buildings	Concerning energy in buildings.	H Rules 3C	Ramel
HB 1416	Consumer-owned utilities	Applying the affected market customer provisions of the Washington clean energy transformation act to nonresidential customers of consumer-owned utilities.	C 233 L 23	Doglio
SHB 1427	On-premises energy gen.	Concerning on-premises energy generation.	H Env & Energy	Mena
2SHB 1433	Energy labeling/residential	Concerning energy labeling of residential buildings.	H Env & Energy	Duerr
HB 1505 (ESSB 5447)	Alternative jet fuel	Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Slatter
HB 1509	Community solar	Concerning fair access to community solar.	H Env & Energy	Hackney
HB 1574	Methane/agriculture	Supporting Washington agriculture by capturing methane and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	H Ag&Nr	Rule
ESHB 1584	Nuclear reactor technology	Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Barnard

ESHB 1589 (SSB 5562)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	H 3rd Reading	Doglio
HB 1619	Renewable energy resources	Incentivizing development and acquisition of renewable energy resources.	H Env & Energy	Fey
HB 1659	Carbon market prices	Preventing carbon market price manipulation.	H Env & Energy	Dye
SHB 1729	Hydrogen fuel products	Creating and expanding tax incentives for the research, development, deployment, production, and sale of hydrogen fuel products in Washington state.	H Rules 3C	Abbarno
SHB 1768	Green businesses/utility tax	Exempting certain sales of electricity to qualifying green businesses from the public utilities tax.	H Rules 3C	Shavers
HB 1887 (SB 5783)	Climate cmit. act/consumers	Mitigating the consumer impacts of the climate commitment act by creating greater administrability of emissions exemptions and improving the transparency and business practices under the act.	H Env & Energy	Chapman
HB 1908	Utility project assistance	Supporting the clean energy transition by providing a framework for financial assistance to utility-scale emission-reducing electricity generation or storage projects.	H Env & Energy	Barnard
HB 1924	Fusion technology policies	Promoting the integration of fusion technology within state clean energy policies.	H Env & Energy	Shavers
HB 1981	Nuclear energy manufacturing	Incentivizing clean nuclear energy manufacturing through preferential business and occupation tax rates.	H Finance	Barnard
SHB 2000 (SB 6168)	International leadership	Renewing Washington's international leadership.	H SGOVDPS	Mena
HB 2068 (SB 5965)	Fashion/environmental impact	Concerning the environmental impacts of fashion.	H Env & Energy	Mena
HB 2069 (SB 5919)	Biogenic carbon dioxide	Concerning the sale of biogenic carbon dioxide and other coproducts of biogas processing.	H Env & Energy	Mosbrucker
HB 2070 (SB 5990)	Env. justice/SEPA projects	Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions.	H Env & Energy	Mena
HB 2073	Greenhouse gas other sources	Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases from sources other than methane and carbon dioxide.	H Env & Energy	Slatter
HB 2082	Electrical transmission	Assessing the needs of the electrical transmission industry.	H Postsec Ed & W	Fosse
HB 2089 (SB 5949)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	H Cap Budget	Tharinger
HB 2104 (SB 5950)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	H Approps	Ormsby
HB 2129 (SB 6039)	Geothermal energy resources	Promoting the development of geothermal energy resources.	H Env & Energy	Ramel
HB 2131 (SB 6138)	Thermal energy networks	Promoting the establishment of thermal energy networks.	H Env & Energy	Ramel

HB 2201 (SB 6058)	Carbon market linkage	Facilitating linkage of Washington's carbon market with the California-Quebec carbon market.	H Env & Energy	Doglio
HB 2232 (SB 6052)	Petroleum product supply	Concerning petroleum products supply and pricing.	H Env & Energy	Doglio
HB 2253 (SB 6113)	Community solar	Concerning fair access to community solar.	H Env & Energy	Hackney
SB 5037	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
SB 5043	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
SSB 5057	Energy standards/commercial	Creating a work group to evaluate the costs of the state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings.	S Rules X	Mullet
2SSB 5091	Hydrogen fuel products	Creating and expanding tax incentives for the research, development, production, and sale of hydrogen fuel products in Washington state.	S Business, Fin S	King
SSB 5093 (E2SHB 1170)	Climate response strategy	Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.	S Rules X	Rolfes
SSB 5094	Water system plans/climate	Adding a climate resilience element to water system plans.	S Rules X	Rolfes
SSB 5125 (SHB 1094)	Future fund program	Creating the Washington future fund program.	S Ways & Means	Trudeau
SB 5129	Nuclear reactor technology	Planning for advanced nuclear reactor technology in Washington.	S Rules 2	MacEwen
SSB 5133	Responsible bidder criteria	Modifying the responsible bidder criteria for public works projects.	S Ways & Means	Keiser
SB 5146	Hydropower	Removing regulatory restrictions on hydropower.	S Environment, E	Short
SSB 5154 (2SHB 1131)	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
SSB 5162 (EHB 1125)	Transportation budget	Making transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 and 2023-2025 fiscal biennia.	S Rules X	Liias
SB 5164 (HB 1126)	Transportation budget, supp.	Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.	S Transportation	Liias
SSB 5165 (SHB 1192)	Electric transm. planning	Concerning electric power system transmission planning.	C 229 L 23	Nguyen
SB 5167	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

SB 5168	Energy independence act	Modernizing the energy independence act to avoid regulatory duplication and overlap with other laws.	S Environment, E	Boehnke
ESSB 5187 (SHB 1140)	Operating budget	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium operating appropriations and 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	C 475 L 23	Rolfes
SB 5188 (HB 1141)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2021-2023 fiscal biennium second supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Rolfes
SSB 5201 (ESHB 1148)	State gen. obligation bonds	Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.	S Rules X	Mullet
SB 5312	Clean energy/residential	Creating a residential property assessed clean energy and resiliency program.	S Loc Gov, Land	Lovelett
SSB 5322 (ESHB 1282)	Public building materials	Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.	S Ways & Means	Wellman
SB 5325	Clean fuel/public transport.	Enhancing access to clean fuel for agencies providing public transportation.	S Environment, E	Shewmake
SB 5345	School buildings/energy	Exempting certain public school buildings from the state energy performance standard.	S Environment, E	Schoesler
SSB 5380 (E2SHB 1216)	Clean energy siting	Concerning clean energy siting.	S Ways & Means	Nguyen
ESSB 5447 (HB 1505)	Alternative jet fuel	Promoting the alternative jet fuel industry in Washington.	C 232 L 23	Billig
SSB 5562 (ESHB 1589)	Clean energy	Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future.	S Ways & Means	Nguyen
SB 5620	EV charging/line extensions	Concerning line extension tariffs for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	S Transportation	Liias
SB 5659	Gas companies/renewable res.	Incentivizing gas companies to develop and acquire renewable energy resources.	S Environment, E	Boehnke
SB 5772	Energy code/federal law	Requiring the state building code council to amend the state energy code to comply with the energy policy and conservation act.	S State Govt & E	Wilson
SB 5783 (HB 1887)	Climate cmit. act/consumers	Mitigating the consumer impacts of the climate commitment act by creating greater administrability of emissions exemptions and improving the transparency and business practices under the act.	S Environment, En	Mullet
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SB 5949 (HB 2089)	Capital budget, supplemental	Concerning the capital budget.	S Ways & Means	Mullet
SB 5950 (HB 2104)	Operating budget, supp.	Making 2023-2025 fiscal biennium supplemental operating appropriations.	S Ways & Means	Robinson

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