



## 2026 Legislative Session Weekly Report CleanTech Alliance March 8, 2026

### Week 8

Monday marked the Opposite House Fiscal Committee Cutoff, meaning bills needed to pass out of fiscal committees in the opposite chamber to remain alive this session. Following Monday's deadline, legislators returned to the floor to pass bills out of the opposite chamber ahead of the Opposite House Floor Cutoff on Friday, March 6. There were a total of 252 bills that cleared yesterday's cutoff. You can view the list of bills that passed the 6th cutoff [here](#).

While members were working on the floors, budget writers are continuing negotiations to reach agreement on the final 2026 supplemental budgets. On Saturday, the House Finance Committee met to consider several tax proposals assumed in the House and Senate operating budget proposals, including legislation to increase the tobacco tax, repeal the data center tax exemption, and repeal the tax preference for drug wholesalers. The committee ultimately advanced the bills related to the data center and drug wholesaler tax preferences but did not take action on the tobacco tax proposal. It is unclear how inaction on the tobacco tax bill could impact the budget negotiations.

This week Governor Bob Ferguson released a statement expressing support for a revised version of the proposed "Millionaire's Tax" following the adoption of a new striking amendment. The Governor indicated the updated proposal better aligns with his priorities by directing a portion of the revenue toward tax relief and affordability measures for Washington families and small businesses. You can read the Governor's full statement [here](#). The House is expected to bring the "Millionaire's Tax" proposal to the floor on Monday.

As session enters its final days, both chambers will shift their primary focus to budget legislation, bills deemed necessary to implement the budget (NTIB), and concurrence votes. Budget negotiations are expected to continue through the weekend, with final 2026 supplemental budgets likely to be released Tuesday or Wednesday ahead of adjournment on Thursday.

#### Key Insights:

- **Caucus Newsrooms:**
  - [This Week In The Senate - Week 8: The stretch run - Washington Senate Democrats](#)
  - [House Republicans Caucus Newsroom](#)
  - [Senate Republicans Caucus Newsroom](#)
- **Press Conferences:**

- [Legislative Republican Leaders Media Availability - TVW](#)

**Important Session Dates:**

- ~~February 4th, 2026: House of Origin Policy Cutoff~~
- ~~February 9th, 2026: House of Origin Fiscal Cutoff~~
- ~~February 17th, 2026: House of Origin Floor Cutoff~~
- ~~February 25th, 2026: Opposite House Policy Cutoff~~
- ~~March 2, 2026: Opposite House Fiscal Cutoff~~
- ~~March 6, 2026: Opposite House Floor Cutoff~~
- **March 12, 2026: Last Day of Session**

**Helpful Links for Session:**

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**CleanTech Alliance Specifics**

We are continuing to try and generate budget writer support for the line items on the district energy systems.

**Bill Status**

Bill #	Companion	Abbrev. Title	Title	Status	Sponsor	Priority
<a href="#">SHB 1071</a>	<a href="#">SB 5058</a>	Recycling rates	Implementing strategies to achieve higher recycling rates within Washington's existing solid waste management system.	H Approps	Fey	
<a href="#">HB 1117</a>		Motor vehicle emissions	Removing the delegation of authority related to California motor vehicle emissions	H Env & Energy	Barkis	

			standards to generate new transportation revenue for the state by reducing administration burdens on the government and the people.			
<a href="#">2SHB 1150</a>	<a href="#">E2SSB 5284</a>	Solid waste management	Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.	H Rules X	Berry	
<a href="#">ESHB 1155</a>	<a href="#">SSB 5437</a>	Noncompetition agreements	Prohibiting noncompetition agreements and clarifying nonsolicitation agreements.	S Passed 3rd	Berry	
<a href="#">HB 1237</a>	<a href="#">SB 5246</a>	Energy facility site eval.	Facilitating predictable and timely application decisions by the energy facility site evaluation council.	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	Monitoring
<a href="#">HB 1249</a>		Advanced nuclear commission	Creating the commercial liftoff for energy from advanced nuclear advisory commission.	H Env & Energy	Barnard	
<a href="#">2SHB 1303</a>	<a href="#">SB 5380</a>	Environmental justice	Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.	H Approps	Mena	
<a href="#">HB 1328</a>	<a href="#">SSB 5359</a>	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy and transmission.	H Env & Energy	Doglio	Monitoring

<a href="#">SHB 1360</a>	<a href="#">SB 5451</a>	Quantum economic development	Concerning advancement of quantum economic development.	H Approps	Ryu	
<a href="#">HB 1481</a>		Nuclear energy study	Concerning the commercial liftoff for energy from advanced nuclear study.	H Env & Energy	Barnard	
<a href="#">SHB 1550</a>	<a href="#">SB 5586</a>	Electric vehicle batteries	Improving the end-of-life management of electric vehicle batteries.	H Rules C	Street	
<a href="#">3SHB 1607</a>	<a href="#">2SSB 5502</a>	Recycling & waste reduction	Concerning recycling and waste reduction.	H Rules R	Stonier	
<a href="#">SHB 1673</a>	<a href="#">3SSB 5466</a>	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	H Approps	Ramel	
<a href="#">HB 1679</a>		Nuclear reactor projects	Encouraging electric utility investments in advanced nuclear reactor projects for clean energy transformation act compliance.	H Env & Energy	Barnard	
<a href="#">HB 1712</a>		Qualified biomass facilities	Allowing the use of electricity generated by qualified biomass facilities in the Pacific Northwest to meet renewable	H Env & Energy	Waters	

			resource requirements.			
<a href="#">ESHB 1819</a>		Transmission capacity	Increasing transmission capacity.	H Rules X	Barnard	
<a href="#">HB 1844</a>	<a href="#">SSB 5601</a>	Alternative jet fuels	Advancing the production and use of alternative jet fuels in Washington.	H Env & Energy	Gregerson	
<a href="#">2SHB 1847</a>		Distributed alt. energy dev.	Prioritizing the development of distributed alternative energy resources in targeted circumstances.	H Approps	Doglio	
<a href="#">HB 1860</a>	<a href="#">ESB 5649</a>	Supply chain competitiveness	Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.	H Transportation	Reed	
<a href="#">2SHB 1871</a>	<a href="#">SB 5727</a>	Residential energy storage	Incentivizing grid-connected residential battery energy storage systems.	H Approps	Hunt	
<a href="#">E3SHB 1960</a>		Renewable energy	Encouraging renewable energy in Washington through tax policy and investment in local communities.	S Passed 3rd	Ramel	
<a href="#">HB 1994</a>		Renewable energy hosts/tax	Encouraging local support of communities that host renewable energy through	H Finance	Klicker	

			changes in tax policy.			
<a href="#">HB 2045</a>		Business and occupation tax	Investing in Washington families by restructuring the business and occupation tax on high grossing businesses and financial institutions.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon	
<a href="#">HB 2046</a>		Intangible assets tax	Creating fairness in Washington's tax by imposing a tax on select financial intangible assets.	H Finance	Berg	
<a href="#">HB 2082</a>	<a href="#">ESSB 5813</a>	Tax rates/cap. gains, estate	Increasing funding to the education legacy trust account by creating a more progressive rate structure for the capital gains tax and estate tax.	H Finance	Street	
<a href="#">HB 2083</a>	<a href="#">ESSB 5814</a>	Excise taxes	Modernizing the excise taxes on select services and nicotine products and requiring certain large businesses to make a one-time prepayment of state sales tax collection.	H Finance	Stonier	
<a href="#">SHB 2084</a>		Tax preferences	Increasing funding for K-12, health	H Rules X	Ramel	

			care, and public safety by repealing or modifying tax preferences for certain industries and goods.			
<a href="#">HB 2103</a>	<a href="#">SB 6004</a>	Electric/public contracts	Authorizing certain public entities to contract for the capability of renewable or nonemitting electric generation projects.	H Local Govt	Stearns	High
<a href="#">2SHB 2281</a>		State-tribal relationship	Concerning the state and tribal government-to-government relationship.	H Rules X	Stearns	
<a href="#">E2SHB 2416</a>	<a href="#">SB 6092</a>	Waste to energy facilities	Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.	S Passed 3rd	Hill	
<a href="#">SHB 2446</a>		Quantum technology industry	Developing the quantum technology industry into the state's economic development and workforce.	H Approps	Barnard	
<a href="#">SHB 2496</a>	<a href="#">SSB 6010</a>	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Passed 3rd	Stearns	

<a href="#">HB 2509</a>		EFSEC application review	Improving the efficiency of the review of applications by the energy facility site evaluation council.	H Env & Energy	Bernbaum	
<a href="#">E2SHB 2515</a>	<a href="#">SSB 6171</a>	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	S Ways & Means	Doglio	
<a href="#">HB 2608</a>		Nuclear facilities/tax pref.	Modifying the targeted urban areas tax preference for projects related to nuclear facilities.	H Finance	Barnard	
<a href="#">HB 2682</a>		Env. justice application	Ensuring the consistent application of environmental justice principles.	H Env & Energy	Reeves	
<a href="#">HB 2724</a>	<a href="#">ESSB 6346</a>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H Finance	Fitzgibbon	
<a href="#">SB 5015</a>		EFSEC governor approval	Increasing efficiency at the energy facility site evaluation council by removing the governor from the project approval process.	S Environment, E	Boehnke	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5058</a>	<a href="#">SHB 1071</a>	Recycling rates	Implementing strategies to achieve higher recycling rates within Washington's existing solid waste management system.	S Environment, E	Chapman	

<a href="#">SSB 5160</a>	<a href="#">HB 1226</a>	Additive transp. funding	Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.	S Rules X	Liias	
<a href="#">SB 5208</a>		Clean energy fund program	Establishing a new clean energy fund program.	S Environment, E	MacEwen	Monitoring
<a href="#">SSB 5241</a>	<a href="#">HB 1018</a>	Fusion energy facilities	Adding fusion energy to facilities that may obtain site certification for the purposes of chapter 80.50 RCW.	S Rules X	Liias	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5246</a>	<a href="#">HB 1237</a>	Energy facility site eval.	Facilitating predictable and timely application decisions by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Environment, E	Shewmake	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5283</a>		Energy storage siting/EFSEC	Prohibiting the energy facility site evaluation council from preempting local laws that forbid the siting of certain storage facilities in critical areas.	S Environment, E	Wagoner	
<a href="#">SSB 5359</a>	<a href="#">HB 1328</a>	Clean energy development	Accelerating the development of clean energy.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5401</a>	<a href="#">EHB 1329</a>	Wholesale power purchases	Concerning wholesale power purchases by electric	S Environment, E	Slatter	

			utilities under the Washington clean energy transformation act.			
<a href="#">SB 5451</a>	<a href="#">SHB 1360</a>	Quantum economic development	Concerning advancement of quantum economic development.	S Ways & Means	Slatter	
<a href="#">3SSB 5466</a>	<a href="#">SHB 1673</a>	Electric transmission system	Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.	S Rules X	Shewmake	Monitoring
<a href="#">SSB 5601</a>	<a href="#">HB 1844</a>	Alternative jet fuels	Advancing the production and use of alternative jet fuels in Washington.	S Ways & Means	Liias	
<a href="#">ESB 5649</a>	<a href="#">HB 1860</a>	Supply chain competitiveness	Creating a Washington state supply chain competitiveness infrastructure program.	H Transportation	Liias	
<a href="#">SB 5673</a>	<a href="#">HB 1924</a>	Manufacturing /sales tax	Providing a sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing facilities and green manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
<a href="#">SB 5674</a>		Manufacturing facilities/tax	Concerning manufacturing facilities.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	
<a href="#">SB 5675</a>		Manufacturing /B&O tax	Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for manufacturing facilities and green	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	

			manufacturing facilities.			
<a href="#">SB 5795</a>		Sales and use tax rate	Reducing the state sales and use tax rate.	S Ways & Means	Krishnadasan	
<a href="#">ESB 5797</a>		Intangible assets tax	Enacting a tax on stocks, bonds, and other financial intangible assets for the benefit of public schools.	S Ways & Means	Frame	
<a href="#">SSB 5798</a>		Property tax	Concerning property tax reform.	S Ways & Means	Pedersen	
<a href="#">SB 5811</a>	<a href="#">SHB 2077</a>	Zero-emission vehicle prg.	Establishing a tax on certain business activities related to surpluses generated under the zero-emission vehicle program.	S Ways & Means	Lovelett	
<a href="#">SB 5812</a>	<a href="#">ESHB 2049</a>	K-12 education funding	Investing in the state's paramount duty to fund K-12 education and build strong and safe communities.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	
<a href="#">SB 5815</a>	<a href="#">ESHB 2081</a>	Business and occupation tax	Modifying business and occupation tax surcharges, rates, and the advanced computing surcharge cap, clarifying the business and occupation tax deduction for certain investments, and creating a temporary	S Ways & Means	Saldana	

			business and occupation tax surcharge on large companies.			
<a href="#">SB 5821</a>	<a href="#">HB 2090</a>	Advanced nuclear energy	Integrating advanced nuclear energy into the state energy strategy.	S Environment, E	Braun	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 5989</a>		Aircraft fuel tax distrib.	Concerning the distribution of aircraft fuel tax revenue.	S Ways & Means	Boehnke	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 6004</a>	<a href="#">HB 2103</a>	Electric/public contracts	Authorizing certain public entities to contract for the capability of renewable or nonemitting electric generation projects.	S Environment, En	Boehnke	High
<a href="#">SSB 6010</a>	<a href="#">SHB 2496</a>	EFSEC tribal consultation	Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Rules X	Shewmake	
<a href="#">SSB 6076</a>		Utility procurement	Streamlining consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage, transmission, and distribution projects.	H Passed 3rd	Goehner	

<a href="#">SB 6092</a>	<a href="#">E2SHB 2416</a>	Waste to energy facilities	Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.	S Environment, E	Riccelli	
<a href="#">SB 6121</a>		Large energy use facilities	Providing electricity service to large energy use facilities.	S Environment, En	Boehnke	Monitoring
<a href="#">SB 6165</a>		Eminent domain/electrical	Limiting the exercise of eminent domain for the purposes of constructing electrical transmission facilities on agricultural lands.	S Environment, E	Boehnke	
<a href="#">SB 6168</a>		CCA suspensions	Providing cost relief to Washingtonians by suspending certain requirements in the climate commitment act.	S Environment, E	Boehnke	
<a href="#">SSB 6171</a>	<a href="#">E2SHB 2515</a>	Large energy use facilities	Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.	S Ways & Means	Shewmake	
<a href="#">SSB 6284</a>	<a href="#">HB 2667</a>	AI consumer protections	Providing consumer protections for artificial intelligence systems.	S Ways & Means	Liias	
<a href="#">SSB 6289</a>		Economic dev. strategic plan	Creating a statewide economic development and competitiveness	H Approps	Kauffman	

			ss strategic plan.			
<a href="#">ESSB 6346</a>	<a href="#">HB 2724</a>	Tax on millionaires	Establishing a tax on millionaires.	H 2nd Reading	Pedersen	