### 2017 State Legislative Overview

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## Today's Presentation

- Session & legislature overview
- Major policy areas and committees of interest
- Overarching issues
- Specific issues of interest
- No decisions of the Board today



## Session & Legislature Overview

- Regular Session Jan 9 April 23
- Senate (49 members)
  - Majority Coalition Caucus 25
  - Democratic Caucus 24
- House (98 members)
  - Democrats 50
  - Republicans 48
- Governor's Office



# **Major Policy Areas**

- Energy
- Water
- Telecommunications
- Environmental
- PUD Governance/Operations
- Budget



### Committees of interest to utilities

#### Senate

- Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications
- Government Operations and Security
- Ways and Means

#### House

- Technology & Economic Development
- Local Government
- Environment
- Capital Budget
- Agriculture & Natural Resources



## Overarching Issues

- Budget must approve biennial budget
  - Education & mental health funding
  - Public Works Trust Fund raids
- Carbon
  - Cap and Invest/trade
  - Clean Air Rule response
  - New proposals (renewable portfolio standards, electrification of transportation, Rep. Morris bills, Senate bills, I-937 post 2020)

# Chelan PUD Perspective

- We are seeking to integrate least cost planning for reliably meeting load and GHG emissions targets
- It is challenging to solve for two objective functions
- This work would benefit from further evaluations and effort



### Issues of Interest

- Fuel Mix Disclosure
- Solar and distribution system planning
- Unit price contracting
- Retail telecom authority (Safe Harbor)
- Pole attachments (Including wireless equipment)
- Fire liability
- Back-billing
- Hydraulic Project Approval fees
- Funding aquatic invasive species programs
- Centennial Grant funding Peshastin project



# Questions?

