

# 2021 State Legislative Session Update

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# Why We're Here Today

- To summarize the 2021 session
- Discuss bills of interest that passed the legislature

For Board information only – no decisions

# Overview

- 105-day session ended on schedule
- 53 bills of interest passed the legislature
- Significant actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Environmental justice actions prominent in legislation
- Funding requests in the capital budget
- All bills of interest delivered to the governor for signature
- All bills are effective July 25 unless otherwise noted

# Top 2021 Legislative Priorities

## Capital budget funding requests – HB 1080 (*effective when signed*)

### – **Signing May 18**

- Dryden wastewater funding
  - \$1M capital budget request – Local Community Project
  - \$2.49M grant program requests – Centennial Clean Water Fund
- Rocky Reach water-filled turbine hub support
  - \$1M Clean Energy Fund
- Surface water feasibility study for second regional water source
  - \$300K capital budget request – Local Community Project
- Support Peshastin Water District's \$1.1M request for a new well

## Wildfire legislation

- HB 1168 Forest restoration, community resilience and wildfire response (\$125M/biennium General Fund) (***Signed May 13***)
- SB 5158 Wildland Fire Committee (***Signed May 3***)

# Energy/Electric Vehicles

- E2SSB 5126 - Cap and Invest ***(Signing May 17)***
- E3SHB 1091 - Low carbon fuel standard ***(Signing May 17)***
- 2SSB 5000 - Hydrogen vehicles ***(Signed May 3)***
- E2SHB 1287 - Preparing for zero-emissions vehicle future ***(Signed May 13)***
- 2SSB 5192 - Electric vehicle equipment ***(Signed May 10)***

# Telecom

- ESHB 1336 - Retail telecom authority for PUDs ***(Signed May 13)***
- 2SSB 5383 - Retail telecom authority for unserved areas only ***(Signed May 13)***
- Broadband funding \$411M total (in the capital budget)
  - \$326M for State Broadband office
  - \$60M for Public Works Board grants and loans
  - \$25M for Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)

# Human Resources and Safety

- E2SHB 1073 - Paid family & medical leave (***Signed April 21***)
- ESSB 5097- Paid family & medical leave (***Signed May 10***)
- ESHB 1097 - Worker protections (***Signed May 11***)
- ESSB 5115 - Health emergency labor standards (***Signed May 11***)
- SHB 1323 - Long-term care (***Signed April 21***)

# Water

- HB 1143 - Water rights banking pilot (***Signed April 21***)
- ESHB 1184 - Reuse of gray water (***Signed May 3***)



# Other Bills of Interest

- SHB 1446 - Bill to seek Energy Independence Act penalties relief for utilities (***Signed April 16***)
- ESHB 1368 - \$325M in federal funding for rental and utilities (***Signed Feb. 19***)
- E2SSB 5141 - HEAL act (environmental justice) (***Signing May 17***)
- SB 5032 - Alternative public works contracting (***Signed May 10 effective immediately***)
- SB 5063 - Invasive Species Council reauthorization (***Signed May 3***)

# Questions?