

# 2019 State Legislative Session

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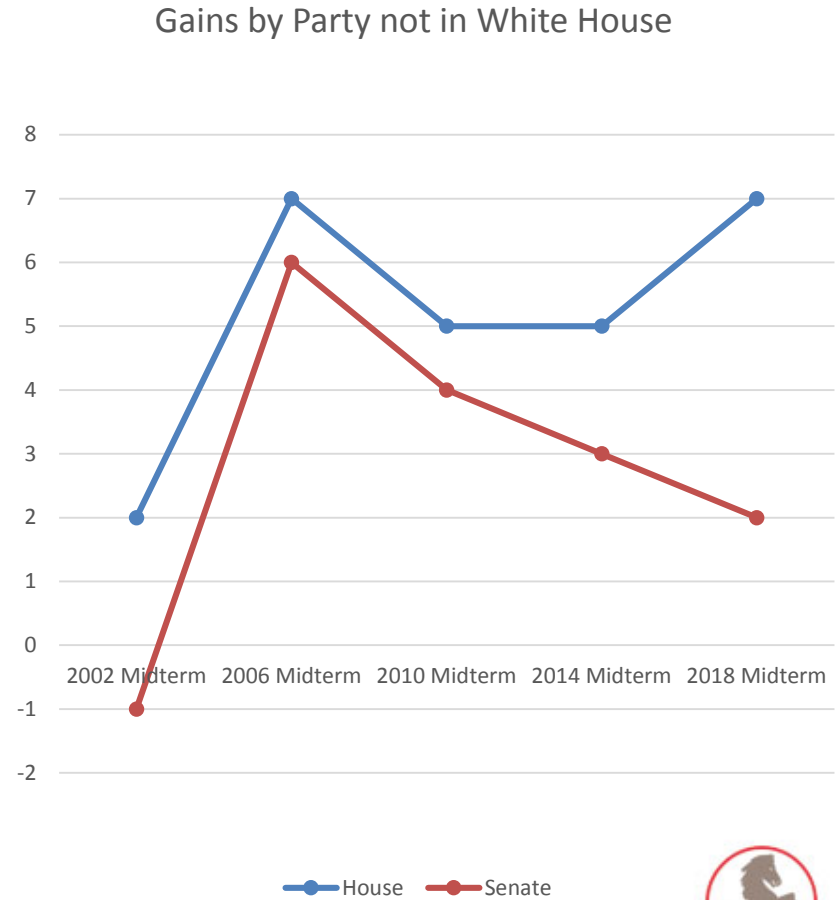
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# Agenda

- Mid-Term Election Summary
  - Federal
  - State
- 2019 Legislative Session
  - Election Implications
  - Legislative Focus
  - Key PUD Issues

# What happened with the Mid-term?

- Massive voter engagement – headed for 75% (54% in '14)
- State legislative changes in line with prior midterms this century
- Voters still don't like taxes:
  - 1631 (carbon fee) loses 56%-44%
  - 1634 (ban on new local soda taxes) passes 55%-45%.



# Legislative Majorities

Elections certified by Dec. 6

## Washington State Senate

	Democrats	Republicans
2018	25	24
2019	27	22

## Washington State House of Representatives

	Democrats	Republicans
2018	50	48
2019	57	41

# 2019 Session Overview

- Long session - 105 days
- Begins Jan. 14
- Budget year
- Still waiting on committee structures and assignments
- Speaker Chopp's last year

# Statewide Legislative Focus

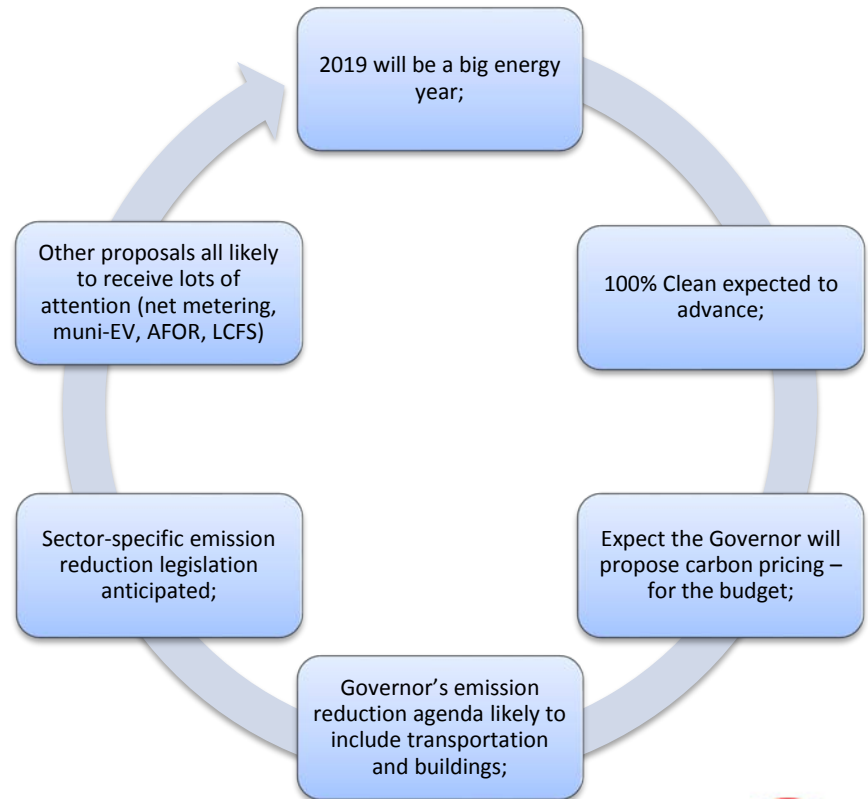
- Mental Health
- Education
- Culvert Replacement
- Capital and Operating Budgets
- Forest Health/Wildfires
- Other issues - “waiting” for the shift of the Senate and majority gains

# Chelan PUD Legislative Focus

- Broadband Office and funding
  - Safe Harbor
- Forest Health/Wildfires
- Bid Limits
- PERs Early Retirement Exemption
- Electric Vehicles
- Net metering
- Carbon

# Statewide Legislative Focus - Carbon

- Energy and climate policy will remain a key topic
- *Many* lawmakers differentiate between their taxpayers and our ratepayers
- The 1631 defeat will make it very difficult for most lawmakers to talk about economy-wide carbon pricing – so they will likely default to mandates (sector.





# Carbon – Chelan’s perspective

- 2017/18 - Resolve model looked at cost, carbon and reliability
- 2018/19 – Deeper look at reliability
- Carbon Goal - seek an approach to reducing carbon that:
  - is least-cost
  - continues place value on existing GHG-Free resources
  - maintains or improves reliability

# Questions