

2024 Legislative Session Review



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Today's Topics

- Session overview
- Priority bill status
- Other bills of interest
- Budget highlights
- Looking ahead

Information only today – no decisions by the Board

Session Overview

- 60-day session ended on schedule
- Supplemental budgets approved
 - **\$71.9** billion operating
 - **\$14.6** billion transportation
 - **\$10.3** billion capital
- Initiative uncertainty
- Election year exits
- Most bills effective June 5



Priority Bill Status

- HB 2156 – Solar consumer protection
Passed
- HB 1955 – Greenhouse gas reporting
Passed
- SB 6047 – CCA public meetings
Passed
- HB 2199 – CCA tax exemptions
Passed
- HB 2253 – Community solar
Did not pass
- SB 6304 – Transportation electrification strategy
Did not pass
- SB 5517 – Municipal water rights
Did not pass



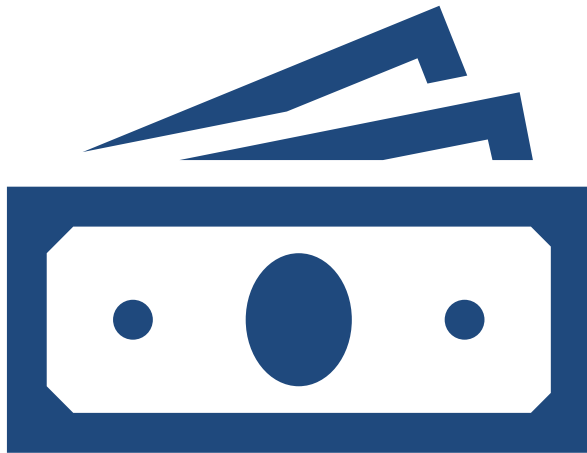
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Other Bills of Interest

- Puget Sound Energy decarbonization
- Linking carbon markets (*effective 1.1.25*)
- Voluntary renewable programs
- Renewable energy development



Budget Highlights



- Electricity bill rebates
- Federal energy assistance programs
- Low-income water assistance study
- Municipal water rights
- UTC transmission & markets
- Transmission workforce study
- EV charging infrastructure
- Electric school buses
- Value of solar study
- Broadband technical assistance

Looking Ahead

- Engage with agencies, host policymakers
- Participate in relevant taskforces and workgroups
- Continue to work with associations
- Ensure compliance with 2024 laws
- Prepare for 2025 Legislative Session

Questions?

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