Top Issues

- Bid Limits
- Transportation
- Broadband Access
- Hydro Tax Parity
- Wildfire
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard
SB 5418 PUD Bid Limits

• Bill Outline
  – Increase contract thresholds

• Status
  – Awaiting Governor’s Signature

• Outcomes
  – Increase threshold for District performed work
  – Equipment now includes cable, conductor, wire, pipe for electric, water and telecom
  – Small works limit increase
  – Materials, equipment, supplies threshold increase
  – Work/labor levels for competitive procurement increased
Transportation

• HB 1512 – Electrification
  – Utility authority to offer programs
  – Signed by Gov. Inslee April 23

• HB 2042 – Green Transportation
  – Sales and use tax exemptions
  – EV charging infrastructure grant program
  – Grant program for transit charging electrification
  – Bill sent to Governor for signature
SB 5511 - Broadband Access

- Bill Outline Highlights
  - Establishes State Broadband Office
  - Safe Harbor

- Status
  - Awaiting governor’s signature

- Issues
  - Duration of Safe Harbor Service: 6-months

- Position
  - Neutral
SB 6012 – Hydro Tax Parity

• Bill Outline
  – Provides for tax treatment of hydro similar to wind and solar resources

• Status
  – Did not leave Senate Rules Committee
Wildfire Related Legislation

• SB 5996 – DNR funding for wildfire prevention
  – Legislature did not take action

• SB 5305 – Utility Wildland Fire Taskforce
  – Delivered to Gov. Inslee April 16
Low Carbon Fuel Standard

• Bill Outline
  – Limit GHG emissions for Transportation to 20% below 2017 levels by 2035

• Status
  – No action taken
SB 5116 – Clean Energy Standard

• Bill Outline
  – 100% Clean Energy
  – Low Income Energy Assistance

• Status
  – Awaiting governor’s signature

• Issues
  – Low Income Assistance Program
    • Offer programs with flexibility how they are designed and implemented to reflect customer needs
  – Commerce to calculate energy burden for low income customers
  – Program details TBD