

# 2019 Legislative Session Update

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# The Top 5

- Cap and Trade
- Clean Energy Standard
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard
- Broadband Access
- Bid Limits

# SB 5981 - Cap and Trade program

- Bill Outline
  - Economy-wide, market-based approach to limit GHG
- Status
  - In Senate Environment, Energy and Technology
- Issues and Actions
  - Simultaneous development of both a Cap and Trade and Clean Energy Standard
- Position
  - If additional programs are legislated, we would suggest a phased approach

# SB 5116 – Clean Energy Standard

- Bill Outline
  - 100% Clean Energy
- Status
  - Awaiting executive action in House Finance
- Issues and Actions
  - Addressing Annual Hydro Generation Variability
  - Condemnation
  - Tax Parity Between GHG-Free Resources
- Position
  - The bill would have to address the outstanding issues for staff to recommend support.

# HB 1110 – Low Carbon Fuel Standard

- Bill Outline
  - Limit GHG emissions for Transportation to 20% below 2017 levels by 2035
- Status
  - Senate Transportation Committee
- Issues and Actions
  - Increased cost of transportation fuel
  - Create a market for utility participation
  - Mandated utility program revenue expenditures
- Position
  - Neutral

# HB 1498, SB 5511

## Broadband Access

- **Bill Outline** (partial list)
  - Establishes State Broadband Office
  - Safe Harbor
- **Status**
  - House and Senate bills in play
  - Senate bill is our preference – 1-year safe harbor
- **Issues and Actions**
  - Duration of Safe Harbor Service – We are seeking a minimum of 12 months of approved interim retail services.
- **Position**
  - Concerns, depending on which bill advances

# SB 5418 PUD Bid Limits

- Bill Outline
  - Increase contract threshold for materials, equipment, or supplies
- Status
  - House Local Government Committee Hearing last week
- Issues and Actions
  - Details that surround how the appointed board will perform a study to determine the need to permanently increase bid thresholds
- Position
  - Concerns