2020 Legislative Session Update

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Overview

• March 2\textsuperscript{nd} cutoff
• March 6\textsuperscript{th} cutoff
• March 12\textsuperscript{th} sine die
Engagement Issues

- Non-Oil Turbine Hub Research and Development
- Energy Legislation
- HR Legislation and Other
State Budget Projections

- $1.5B surplus projection at end of 2019 session
- $600M surplus projection at start of 2020 session
- ~$300M one time estate tax
HB2825

• Prime Sponsor: Representative Goehner
• Fiscal note included in the House budget
• Bill passed House Finance Committee 02/07
• Passed Rules Committee and now on the House floor calendar
• Not subject to cut-off dates
SB 6012 (Hawkins)

• 39-9 Vote passing Senate on February 18
• Fiscal note included in the Senate budget
• Heard in House Finance 02/25
• Scheduled Exec Approval 02/05 or 02/09
• Then to Rules, House Floor, Back to Senate
Utility Input on SB6012

• Passing this bill will reduce chance for future hydro legislation benefiting others
• Highlighting oil is used in turbines is bad for the hydro industry
• Developing oil-free technology will create another category of hydro that could be used for marketing or other regulatory advantages.
• Prefer the broader tax parity bill from last session.
Utility Workgroup Alternative

- Caps fiscal note at $2.5M per year
- Remittance available for projects that:
  “provide additional support for the transition to clean energy through incremental increases in production, capacity, or flexibility or efficiency of operation or performance”
- Remittance limits
  “each generating utility in the state is eligible for a proportional amount of the total tax preference over ten years”. Prorated based on generator nameplate capacity.
Energy Bills

• HB 2405 - Commercial property energy efficiency - neutral
• SB 6135 - CETA Reliability Study - support
• HB 2488 - Community Solar - neutral
Human Resources & Safety

- HB 1350/ SB 5400 - PERS/TRS 1 increase - neutral
- HB 2614 – PFML fixes – neutral
- SB 5473 – Unemployment benefits – concerns
- SB 6440 – Industrial insurance medical exams – opposed
- HB 2490 - Industrial insurance employer penalties- opposed
General Government

• HB 2588 – Special Purpose Districts – neutral
• HB 2629 – Waiving connection fees – concerns
• HB 2922 – Pole attachments – opposed
• SB 6046 – Commissioner pay adjustments - neutral
• SB 6065 – Blockchain workgroup – neutral
• SB 6420 – Dig law updates - support
Other Bills

- SB 6518 – Chlorpyrifos in drinking water – concerns
- Broadband Office Funding - $400K added to draft budgets
- Forest Health- Commissioner Franz Proposal part of budget discussions
- Senate proposal bonds for forest health activities a potential funding sources
- Green Transportation Capital Grant program
Dead bills of Note

- HB 2594 – Disclosure to electric customers
- SB 6496/HB 2586 – Building electrification
- SB 6681/HB 2667 – Energy Code delay
- HB 1405 – Generator use reimbursement
Questions?