

# 2020 Legislative Session Update

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# Overview

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> cutoff
- March 6<sup>th</sup> cutoff
- March 12<sup>th</sup> 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?

