

2021 State Legislative Session Update

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Why we're here today

- Update of the 2021 session
- Overview of bills of interest
- What to expect for the remainder of the session

For Board information only – no decisions

Overview

- Week 8 of the session (just over halfway)
- 1012 bills as of Feb 25
- First policy and first fiscal committee cutoffs passed
- No budget bill hearings yet
- March 9 – last day to consider bills in house of origin
- UTC extended the disconnect moratorium for IOUs to July 31

Top 2021 Legislative Priorities

- Dryden wastewater funding
 - Capital fund request
 - Grant program requests
- Clean Energy Fund
 - Ensure program supports broad innovation projects
- Wildfire legislation
 - HB 1168 Forest restoration, community resilience and wildfire response on Floor
 - SB 5158 Wildland Fire Committee on Floor

Energy

- Carbon pricing alternatives
 - SSB 5126 Cap and invest (substitute bill passed Feb 25)
 - SB 5373 Carbon fee bills hearing March 4
- 3SHB 1091 Low carbon fuel standard on Floor
- HB 1084/SB 5093 Building decarbonization both dead
- 2SSB 5000 Hydrogen vehicles in Rules
- 2SHB 1287 Preparing for zero emissions vehicle future on Floor
- HB 1513 & HB 1534 House carbon bills never heard

Telecom

- ESHB 1336 Retail telecom authority for PUDs in Senate
- 2SSB 5383 Retail authority for unserved only in Rules
- 2SHB 1460 Digital equity in Rules
- SSB 5357 Broadband investment acceleration program on Floor
- HB 1440 small wireless bill - Dead

Human Resources & Safety

- 2SHB 1073 Paid family & medical leave in Rules
- 2SHB 1076 Workplace violations in Rules
- SHB 1097 Worker protections in Rules
- SB 5115 Health emergency labor standards in the House

Water

- HB 1143 Water rights banking pilot program in the Senate
- ESHB 1184 Reuse of gray water in the Senate

Other Bills of Interest

- SHB 1446 Bill to seek EIA relief for utilities in Rules
- ESHB 1056 Public meetings during emergencies in Senate
- SHB 1329 Public meeting changes on Floor
- 2SHB 1117 Net ecological gain for public projects in Rules
- 2SHB 1099 GMA changes to address salmon and climate change in Rules
- HB 1368 \$325M in federal funding for rental and utilities help
- 2SSB 5141 HEAL act in Rules

Questions?