



Regular session ends March 8
This document to be updated based on activity over the weekend

1. Supplemental Budget
 - a. Issues –
 - i. The legislature may again need to address basic education funding
 - ii. This issue could lead to special sessions in 2018
 - b. Needs –
 - i. No operating budget needs for Chelan PUD
 - ii. A short session can contain legislative activities
 - c. Status – Will be the primary focus of the Legislature this week
2. Distributed Generation and distribution system planning
 - a. Issue – There will likely be a push for a requirement or at least permissive legislation to perform distribution system planning
 - b. Need – Maintain local control, allow for individual needs of utilities to be served through our system planning processes currently in place
 - c. Status – Bills that could still be passed this session
 - i. 6081 - Senate net metering – on the House floor
 - ii. 1233 - Distribution resource planning bill – on the Senate floor
3. Carbon pricing and clean energy bills
 - a. Issues –
 - i. Carbon pricing legislation
 - ii. Amending the state’s GHG emission goals
 - iii. Clean Energy bills.
 - b. Need - Least-cost carbon reduction policies that provide for reliable power delivery
 - c. Status –
 - i. 6203 the governor request bill - on the Senate floor (NTIB)
 - ii. 1144 to amend the state’s GHG emission goals - on the Senate floor
 - iii. Clean Energy bills – 2995 and 2283. Proponents for reducing GHG emissions may have an initiative ready for 2018 if not satisfied with legislative actions.
4. Retail telecom authority for PUDs
 - a. Issue – Current law prohibits PUDs from serving existing customers in the event the retail service provider is unable to do so
 - b. Need – legislate a “Safe Harbor” provision to allow continued customer service
 - c. Status –



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- i. 6034 – Kitsap only bill still in House Rules.
- ii. 5935 - Municipal bill - Had five amendments in the House Technology committee passed without the Kitsap language

5. Electric Vehicle Incentives

- a. Issue – Municipal utilities and PUDs are seeking legislative clarity for allowing incentives to be offered to customers for electric vehicles and related infrastructure
- b. Need – Ensure legislation does not obligate PUDs nor limit or alter our current authorities
- c. Status –
 - i. 6187 - Moved out of committee with language added to make it NTIB

6. Energy Bills

- a. Conservation bill for IOUs only is intended to make more measures EIA applicable (Dead)
- b. On-bill repayment programs (Dead)
- c. Changes to options for purchasing alternative power (Dead)

7. General Government/HR/Other

- a. 2839 - Alternative form of regulation for investor owned utilities – on the Senate floor
- b. 6002 - Voting Rights Acts - Passed
- c. 1506 - Wage Equity – on the Senate floor
- d. 1298 - Job applicants and arrest records - Passed
- e. 1560 - PERS 2 program defaults – in Senate Ways and Means
- f. 6340 - PERS 1 COLA – in Rules (NTIB)
- g. 5493 - Prevailing wage calculations - Passed
- h. 2087 - Road Worker Safety - Passed
- i. 1859 – Assault of a utility worker - in Senate rules
- j. 6587 – Utility bill transparency – Still in policy committee
- k. 2320 – Workgroup to address natural disaster mitigation - on the Senate floor

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