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Select a [2022 Legislative Issue](#) that interests you:



In this case, we'll choose “**Environment**”.



Environment


Climate and Energy

Promote measures to address the climate crisis and advocate for clean and renewable sources

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2022 Issue Paper: Climate Change and Energy

Energy policy is intertwined with climate change objectives, and climate change already affects or soon will affect nearly every aspect of life in Washington, America, and the World.

In Washington, climate change affects farms, rivers, forests, water, shorelines, health, and wildlife. We will need to mitigate the effects such as increased winter rain and earlier snow melt, summer droughts and disappearing streams, higher high temperatures and lower low temperatures. Climate-caused declining river flows plus requirements to maintain in-stream flows to maintain habitat will reduce our available hydro power in some seasons. (More detail at the [Department of Ecology](#).) The decisions, policies, and investments we make in **energy and transportation** represent the opportunities we in Washington have to do our part in reducing our contribution to the greenhouse effect.

For various reasons and for many decades we the people have delayed taking decisive action on climate. We can delay no longer. We must change our behavior through incentives and regulation. The LWV supports a price on carbon, but it appears that we may be out of time to rely on that approach alone to control greenhouse gases (GHG) sufficiently to avoid catastrophic climate change. Therefore, we must continue to enact policies through the legislative process to increase efficiency, reduce GHGs, and ensure equity. Find the details of all [League positions](#) on the web site.

Recent Legislative Progress in Washington State

2019 The Clean Energy Transformation Act ([CETA](#)), SB 5116, commits Washington to an electricity supply free of greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

The [Clean Buildings](#) bill, HB 1257, that requires owners to improve energy efficiency in large existing commercial buildings and includes some financial incentives.

2020 Clean Car Standards, [SB 5811](#), adopts the motor vehicle emissions standards of California—that are aligned with Oregon's implementation—including the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program. Stricter greenhouse gas emission limits in [HB 2311](#) require reducing the state's overall greenhouse gas emissions to 95 percent below 1990 levels and achieve net-zero by 2050.

2021 Two achievements stand out that environmentalists have pursued for years.

The clean fuels bill [HB 3081](#) to reduce the carbon content of transportation fuels over time (similar to policies in Oregon and California) to 20 percent below 2017 levels by 2038. The policy

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SB 5543 Zero-emission landscaping equipment incentive program Supports X

SJM 8007 Management of spent nuclear fuel Supports

House Bills		House	Senate	After Passage
Bill #	Bill Name (brief Title)	League Position	Take Action	On Governor's Desk
			On Floor Calendar in Committee	Passed Legislature
HB 1619	Appliance efficiency standards	Supports	X	
HB 1620	Response to extreme weather events	Supports		
HB 1623	Risk assessment of power supply inadequacy events	Supports	X	
HB 1631	Technical assistance for agriculture voluntary environmental stewardship	Supports		
HB 1663	Reducing methane emissions from landfills	Supports	X	
HB 1682	Climate commitment act compliance pathway for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed enterprise	Watch		

Weekly Reports

These weekly updates will provide you with a “deep dive” into the progress of each bill, along with more analysis of the potential impact of the bill if it should pass.

- Week 1: 1/9/2022 [📄](#)

Bill Descriptions

HB 1619 Appliance efficiency standards. Adjusts efficiency standards and includes more included to reduce pollution and improve electricity supply and demand balance. HB 1620 Response to extreme weather events. Appropriate funding to enable local jurisdictions to provide immediate relief—such as warming and cooling centers—during

If the bill has an **alert (!)**, **click on it** for important information to act on in the near future.

This alert page (**Weekly Legislative Update**) will list the bills to watch and shows the League's position on each:

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Weekly Legislative Update: Climate Change & Energy
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January 9, 2022
A few bills remain unpassed from the 2021 session and legislators introduced many more for the 2022 session. This session is short (60 days) so committees already have scheduled hearings and votes for the coming week. You have an opportunity to make your voice heard by signing in for the hearings with your position.

Priority Bills Needing Action This Week

HB 1619 - Appliance efficiency standards.
▲ Scheduled for a hearing in the House Environment and Energy Committee on 1/11, and a vote on 1/14. **Please sign in Pro at:**
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mld=29428&ald=143653&cald=18512&tld=3>

HB 1623 - Risk assessment of power supply inadequacy events.
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HB 1663 - Reducing methane emissions from landfills.
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Note: you may also reach this page by scrolling down on the **2022 Legislative Issues** page (image #3 above), selecting **Weekly Reports**.

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To register your Pro/Con/Other vote on a bill: simply click on the long hyperlink listed in the **Weekly Legislative Update**:

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When you click on these hyperlinks you will be sent to the **Committee Sign In - Legislative Record** page. Fill it out, vote Pro, Con or Other, promise that you are not a robot and submit!

Committee Sign In - Legislative Record
Complete the fields below and press submit to sign up for remote testimony on the following bill/issue:
Committee: Environment & Energy
Date/Time: 1/11/2022 10:00AM AEST
Bill/Issue: HB 1619 Appliance efficiency standards
Location: Virtual
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*)
This system is used as a means to allow bill sponsors and staff to state their position on a bill. The information you provide will be made available to legislative committee members and staff of the committee, and will be included in the legislative record for bill and meeting archival purposes. Please do not enter any information that is defamatory or otherwise illegal.
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To Comment on a Bill, Receive Email Notification or RSS Texts Updates:

Go back to the [2022 Legislative Issues](#) page (image #3 above), click on the **bill #** on the *left hand side* of the graph.

(In this case, you will be taken to the **WA State Legislature Bill Information** page for **HB 1619**.)

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Bill information - HB 1619

Search for another bill or initiative: **Bill** **Initiative** 2021-2022

HB 1619 - 2021-22
Concerning appliance efficiency standards.
Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Hackney, Ryu, Berry, Wilks, Duerr, Ramel, Valdez, Fey, Goodman, Gregerson, Macri, Simmons, Kloba, Pollet, Riccelli, Ormsby, Harris-Talley

Bill Status-at-a-glance
See [Bill History](#) for complete details on the bill
As of Wednesday, January 12, 2022 02:26 PM

Current Version: HB 1619 **Current Status:** HEnv & Energy

Where is it in the process?

	Introduced	In Committee	On-Floor Calendar	Passed Chamber
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In the Senate:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After Passage:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Passed Legislature On Governor's Desk Governor Acted Session Law

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Bill History

2022 REGULAR SESSION

Dec 8	Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 10	First reading, referred to Environment & Energy. view original bill
Jan 11	Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 8:00 AM. (Committee Materials)
Jan 14	Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Environment & Energy at 10:00 AM (Subject to change). (Committee Materials)

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Explore the documents and information on this page.

Notice the links to the bill's hearing schedule, status, original and/or revised versions and more.

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If you decide to **Comment** you will be asked to fill in your identifying info:

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You have selected to comment on HB 1619

Before the system will accept your comment and your position on this bill needs to be verified in your legislative district. Your district will be determined by the system.

Step 1: Verify your legislative district

House District: Senate District:

Step 2: Enter your contact information

First Name: Last Name:

Phone Number: Email:

Step 3: Enter your email address to be notified

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