

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

For the February 23, 2021 Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **A.** <u>Prequalification of Contractors</u> Jeff Thayer is requesting that we add Alamon, Inc., to the small works roster for the 2021 calendar year. They have provided all of the required documentation to be added to the roster.
- **B.** Resolution 1799 Surplus of Vehicles Jeff Thayer is requesting that we surplus vehicles 154, 236, and 268. All of these vehicles have been very well utilized resources throughout the utility and staff is recommending that we surplus these vehicles.
- **C.** <u>Resolution 1800 Klickitat PUD Hearing Officer</u> Gwyn Miller will present this resolution recommending the designation of Anita Clever as the KPUD hearing officer.
- **D.** <u>Cliffs Water Rights</u> Tom McDonald will be on the phone to talk about the current status of the Cliffs water rights that are in trust, discussions we have had with Ecology on a Trust Agreement and answer any questions you might have regarding water service to the potential pumped storage project and data centers. This call is scheduled for 3 p.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. <u>Pumped Storage SEPA Comments</u> Brian Skeahan drafted comments and we filed them with Ecology. There were some inconsistencies in the Ecology documentation, that we corrected, that referred to water rights as opposed to water service. Tom McDonald helped ensure that Ecology understood the arrangement and that this was reflected in their SEPA work. A copy of the comments are attached.
- 2. Methanization of CO2 Kevin and I have been talking about potential additional revenue sources from the RNG/landfill facility. We have a very large source of very pure biogenic carbon dioxide at the site. We have begun investigating the potential to turn that into renewable methane, or zero carbon synthetic natural gas that could be then injected into the pipeline. We are meeting with a preliminary team the Wednesday after the next board meeting to brainstorm ideas, technologies, uses and value streams. Very, very preliminary, but it has potential. We will fill you in if there is merit in further investigation.
- 3. <u>Grid Reliability</u> After discussions with Commissioner Gunkel, Representative Mosbrucker introduced HB 1527 addressing the extent to which Washington residents

are at risk of rolling blackouts and inadequacy events like those experienced in California in 2020. Indications at this time are that the bill will not move.

Concurrently, with the help of our lobbyist, Dave Warren, Senator Tim Sheldon introduced a budget proviso at the WPUDA monthly Energy Committee meeting to study these same risks, especially after the extended rolling outages in Texas this week. This proviso is a parallel path and complimentary to Representative Mosbrucker's bill.

- 4. <u>My Performance Review</u> I will be providing you the blank forms and my past performance review numbers at the meeting for you to evaluate and fill out. I would propose that you take those away and schedule time at the next meeting (March 9) to review together as a board.
- 5. <u>Legislative Update</u> the latest WPUDA documents are attached for your review. I heard from George that HB 1490 is not likely to move, but the language may be incorporated into HB 1421. That is the bill regarding low income payments, so you may want to monitor that.



February 11, 2021

Washington Department of Ecology 1250 West Alder Street, Office of the Columbia River Union Gap, WA, 98903-0009

Attn: Sage Park, Regional Director

RE: Comments Regarding Goldendale Energy Storage Project

Public Utility District #1 of Klickitat County (KPUD) appreciates the opportunity to comment to the Washington Department of Ecology on the appropriate scoping for the proposed environmental review for the Goldendale Energy Storage project under the provisions of SEPA. We request consideration be given to our comments in the following areas:

KPUD Water Rights / Project Water Supply - With these comments KPUD's first priority is to clearly communicate with and achieve recognition / concurrence from Ecology on the matter of water supplied for this project. On Ecology's website for this project, under the project details tab, the provision of water is described as "......water for the project would be drawn from the Columbia River under a permit that once served the aluminum plant." In its Notice of Significance Ecology states, as a topic to be studied; "Effects of project water withdrawals (e.g., initial fill and annual make-up water) on water quantity in the Columbia River."

These comments cause KPUD concerns in that they are an incomplete, and as such they are potentially a misleading characterization of how water will be provided to the Goldendale Energy Storage Project. It is not clear why and what review would occur of effects on the Columbia River when the water will be provided under a valid municipal water right. As Ecology is aware KPUD obtained the water rights formerly held by NSC and its predecessors who previously owned and operated Goldendale Aluminum. The water right was changed to municipal use after a very rigorous extent and validity analysis and impairment analysis. To be clear, and as KPUD believes Ecology understands but we wish to reiterate, the project, per se will not be withdrawing water from the Columbia River. KPUD will utilize facilities, obtained from NSC, the current property owner, and refurbish and expand as necessary to supply water in accordance with its municipal water rights, to provide water for the Project, as well as other potential customers that locate on the site at such time site clean-up allows. As such any characterization of how the Project is obtaining water for their operations, including the scoping document, should clearly recognize this arrangement, the details of which are currently under negotiation between FFP, NSC and KPUD. I would finally note that contrary to a characterization made by Ecology staff at the January 27 meeting, KPUD does not anticipate leasing water to the project. Rather the water will be sold and provided to the Project and other potential development as customers of the KPUD under either a rate schedule or contractual arrangement generally comparable to other KPUD transactions of a similar nature. We appreciate Ecology staff clarifying that matter in their remarks at the second public meeting

and trust Ecology's website and other communication will be clear and correct in its characterization on this matter.

More specifically as it relates to water supply, KPUD sponsored Washington State Senate Bill 6044 was passed and signed into law on March 30, 2012. The law expressly authorizes KPUD to supply water to a pumped storage project. The Cliff's Water System Plan document (PWS ID #224608), serving the Project was submitted to both Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Ecology (Ecology). KPUD reached agreement with Ecology and Health to allow for the expressed use of water for the Project and other potential development at the NSC site. Again, KPUD urges Ecology to recognize these facts in the scoping document.

Recognition and Incorporation of Previous Environmental and Related Investigative Efforts for this Project Specifically and Location Generally – In 2005 Klickitat County, after considerable consideration, multiple public hearings conducted by the Klickitat County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners, and the completion of an EIS, adopted an ordinance and subsequent regulations establishing the Klickitat County Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ). The EOZ was the result of considerable local effort by Klickitat County and its residents to determine if, where and how they wished to see renewable energy resources developed in the county. As Ecology certainly is aware, and must recognize in their scoping document for this project, the proposed Goldendale Energy Storage Project lies within the EOZ.

Ecology is also aware that Klickitat County has seen considerable renewable energy development since that time. Today Klickitat County is one of the nation's leading producers of wind energy with over 1,250 MW in commercial operation. Each of these projects underwent their own permitting / licensing processes and associated studies.

In 2008 KPUD submitted a preliminary permit application for a pumped storage project at the same location as the proposed Project. KPUD's application was granted by FERC on April 1, 2009. In November 2012 KPUD received a successive preliminary permit. During the terms of these preliminary permits, KPUD researched Project feasibility, conducting the full array of consultation, public outreach and a host of environmentally related studies required for permitting and licensing.

The area of the proposed Project has been extensively studied and developed in the almost 16 years since Klickitat County adopted the EOZ. It is likely this area has been studied to a greater extent than any other area of the Pacific Northwest for its suitability for energy project development. Renewable Energy development has received strong support among Klickitat County residents during that time. KPUD requests that Ecology's scoping document acknowledge and incorporate the efforts previously performed in the early development of this project specifically and for renewable energy generally within the EOZ. The scoping document should incorporate and reflect the extensive volume of previous studies and analysis that have been conducted on the site of this Project and proximate areas to the Project.

Consideration of Economic Impact Considerations - KPUD obtained the water rights from National Smelter Corp (NSC) first with the hopes that Goldendale Aluminum might at some time restart, and secondly, in the event resumption of the smelter did not occur, to facilitate the beneficial use of the water in the County and for the redevelopment of the smelter property in order to replace the lost jobs and tax base associated with the closure of Goldendale Aluminum. Goldendale Aluminum was by far Klickitat County's largest employer and the loss of those jobs and tax base is still being felt today. In

response to that loss the KPUD Board of Commissioners correctly anticipated the development of renewable energy would be a significant economic development opportunity, supporting said development through direct participation in projects as well as supporting development through provision of transmission services. KPUD supports the development of the Goldendale Energy Storage Project as a continuation of our efforts to recover from the loss of Goldendale Aluminum jobs and tax base. As part of its efforts to pursue the project KPUD commissioned and economic impact study of the project performed by EcoNorthwest and completed (in draft) in May of 2015. That study concluded:

ECONorthwest's analysis indicates that over the pre-construction and construction years, the JD Pool project will have cumulative direct, indirect and induced economic impacts in Washington and Oregon of \$1.39 billion in output, \$366 million in labor income, and 6,650 full-year-equivalent jobs. These impacts will be spread unevenly over time based on when spending occurs. Once the pumped storage facility is up and running, operating impacts in Washington and Oregon will total \$16.85 million in output, \$5.8 million in labor income, and 72 jobs annually. About 72 percent of output and 65 percent of job impacts in the region would occur in Klickitat County. JD Pool would generate an estimated \$15.1 million in property and other taxes to the County, primarily going towards education. These impacts will continue into the future.

KPUD is aware that the current Project developers have also conducted an economic impact study performed in 2019 by Highland Economics. It concluded:

Including ripple effects in other sectors, total economic activity supported by the Project in Klickitat County during construction is estimated to total 900 to 1,100 job-years and \$53.6 million to \$65.6 million in total labor income. In total, in all of Washington and in Oregon, 6,900 to 8,400 jobs years and \$650 million to \$795 million in labor income will be supported. On an average annual basis this equates to or approximately 190 to 230 jobs and \$10.7 million to \$13.1 million in labor income annually in Klickitat County. In total in Washington and in Oregon, this equates to approximately 1,390 to 1,730 jobs and \$130 million to \$159 million in labor income annually.

.....the first year after project construction, property taxes paid to Klickitat County by the Project may be as much as \$20 million to \$30 million. Thereafter, the value would fluctuate based on the net profitability of the Project. These property taxes would support local jurisdictions and county services in Klickitat County.

These studies clearly demonstrate the significant economic impact the construction and operation of the Goldendale Energy Storage Project would have, certainly for Klickitat County specifically but for the region generally. These anticipated benefits drove the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District to incorporate support for the project in their March 2020 Economic Development Strategy. We urge Ecology incorporates economic consideration such as jobs, wages, and tax revenues into its analysis.

Impact of Goldendale Energy Storage on Smelter Site Cleanup and Redevelopment — KPUD, through its own previous development effort as well as through its continued support of redevelopment of the NSC property has gained a reasonable understanding of the contamination issues and associated cleanup efforts at the site. We further understand that the Project developer, FFP is seeking a prospective purchaser consent decree to define the cleanup actions needed for the portion of the site they propose to purchase for the energy project. Based on KPUD's understanding of the specific property in question we believe those cleanup efforts are not only manageable given the scope of the project, but more importantly will likely accelerate and broaden clean up actions at the site. We believe Ecology should

incorporate in its effort the impact of the Project in enhancing cleanup and restoration on the area covered by the prospective purchaser's agreement specifically and the NSC site as a whole.

Consideration of Role of Project in Meeting Washington's Clean Energy and Carbon Reduction Legislation and Goals - KPUD also anticipated that, as the percent of regional energy supply was increasingly comprised of intermittent renewable resources, there would be need for capacity resources to integrate said renewables into a reliable regional power supply. That is now clearly the case. While solar and wind energy is capable of replacing lost fossil fuel generation in the region (primarily coal generation) it is now clear that as wind and solar increase as a percentage of the regions electricity generation mix, the need for dispatchable capacity resources is becoming critically apparent. Failure to construct these types of resources to integrate wind and solar will result in either Washington failing to meet its renewable energy and carbon reduction goals, or result in an electric grid system prone to rolling blackouts as has happened recently in California. Conversely utility scale storage, such as the Goldendale Energy Storage Project will enable the further development of renewable energy into a reliable electric supply while meeting Washington's energy policy laws.

The consulting firm E3, in late 2019 issued a report pointing out the immediacy of the need for new capacity in the region. It stated:

Near-term (today-2025): the Pacific Northwest faces a near-term capacity shortfall of 3-7 GW Mid-term (2025-2030): capacity need grows to as much as 10 GW as additional firm capacity retires and this need is not fully replaced by planned additions

All planned capacity additions, and significantly more, are required by 2030 •

Even in an optimistic scenario (if all planned capacity additions detailed in the reviewed utility IRPs are approved and constructed), the region remains approximately 3 GW short by 2030

The study also pointed out that its conclusions are comparable to those conducted by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, the Bonneville Power Administration, the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee and the region's largest utilities integrated resource plans. Projects such as the Goldendale Energy Storage Project have long lead times. Projects such as this need to move into construction expeditiously to meet the needs identified by 2030. Failure to do so will lead to either system reliability problems such as those that began to recently appear in California, or a reliance on fossil fuel generation greater than would otherwise be necessary. KPUD urges Ecology to recognize this fundamental fact in the Project scoping document.

Legislature's Designation of Goldendale Energy Storage as a Project of Statewide Significance-House Bill 2819 designated the Goldendale Energy Storage Project as a "project of statewide significance." It is KPUD's understanding that the legislature intended this designation to help to prioritize this project for expedited permitting and multi-level collaboration with the Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance. The designation also requires cities and counties with development projects of statewide significance to include a plan for consultation with affected tribes. KPUD supported this legislation and urges Ecology to comply with its intent and language and reflect that compliance in its scoping process. In the event that the Yakama Nation participates in State processes, this scoping document should encourage constructive dialogue between FFP, project supporters including local government and the Yakama Nation to reach mutually agreeable solutions to the Yakama's concerns, as contemplated by the designation of statewide significance legislation.

Once again KPUD appreciates Ecology's consideration of our comments and stands ready to assist Ecology in any way we can in moving this critical infrastructure forward.

Sincerely,

Jim Smith

General Manager



WPUDA 3-2-1 Weekly Bill Report February 12, 2021

<u>SSB 5383</u> <u>Authorizing a public utility district to provide retail telecommunications services in unserved areas under certain conditions.</u>

- The bill would authorize public utility districts to provide retail telecommunications services in unserved areas under certain conditions. The bill restricts the ability of PUDs to provide retail service, requiring authorization from the State Office of Broadband that an existing provider does not object to the PUD's service plan. An existing provider would have 30 days to submit an objection demonstrating that it would result in an overbuild and submit their own plan to provide service.
- The bill passed out of the Senate Environment, Energy and Technology committee and was referred to the Ways & Means committee for consideration.

WPUDA has concerns about the bill's restricted retail authority to unserved areas of the state only; the objection process which provides private providers veto power over PUD retail service; and the impact on Kitsap PUDs existing retail authority.

HB 1490 Maintaining residential electricity and heating service for low-income households and households with people with disabilities

- The bill enacts a permanent disconnection moratorium for low-income and disabled customers and expands the winter moratorium on disconnections (November 15-March 15) to all residential customers regardless of income or disability status.
- The legislation received a public hearing in the House Environment and Energy Committee this week.

WPUDA opposes the bill as it would result in increased arrearages without providing any assistance to help alleviate the financial burden on customers and would impact the ability of PUDs to collect revenue necessary to meet utility financial obligations and regulatory requirements.

HB 1446 Prohibiting a utility from being assessed a penalty for not meeting its biennial acquisition target for costeffective conservation in special circumstances outside the utility's control

- The legislation would allow utilities to avoid fines for failure to meet conservation goals under the Energy Independence Act as a result of circumstances beyond the utility's control (including the impact of the COVID pandemic) by including a force majeure provision in the conservation section of the law.
- A hearing was held on the bill in the House Environment and Energy Committee this week during which WPUDA testified in support of the bill.

WPUDA supports the legislation which is an alternative way to achieve one of the intended goals of WPUDA's priority bill SB 5007 (avoid penalties due to a decrease in customer investment in conservation during the pandemic).

WPUDA Bill Status Report (Feb. 12, 2021)

S= Senate

H= House

Bill#	Short Title/Notes	Status	Sponsor	Category	Position	Hearing Date	
High Priority Bills							
2SHB 1091 SB 5231	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel. Low carbon fuel standard bill By Request: Office of the Governor	H Transportation	Fitzgibbon	Energy	Concerns	Transportation (House) Public Hearing 2/16 @ 1:30 pm	
<u>HB 1446</u>	Prohibiting a utility from being assessed a penalty for not meeting its biennial acquisition target for costeffective conservation in special circumstances outside the utility's control.	H Env & Energy	Fey	Energy	Support	Environment & Energy (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 1:30 pm	
HB 1527	Addressing the extent to which Washington residents are at risk of rolling blackouts and inadequacy events like those experienced in California in 2020.	H Env & Energy	Mosbrucker	Energy	Support		
SB 5126	Concerning the Washington climate commitment act. Cap and Invest Bill By Request: from the Office of the Governor	S Environment, Energy	Carlyle	Energy	Concerns		
SB 5168	Concerning renewable and nonemitting resources analysis and advisory opinions.	S Environment, Energy	Short	Energy	Support		
SHB 1050	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases.	H Rules	Fitzgibbon	Energy	Oppose		
SHB 1084 SB 5093	Reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by achieving greater decarbonization of residential and commercial buildings. By Request: Office of the Governor	H Approps	Ramel	Energy	Concerns		
ESHB 1368	Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through state actions supported by federal funding.	Passed both houses	Ormsby	Finance	Concerns		

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HB 1490	Maintaining residential electricity and heating service for low-income households and households with people with disabilities.	H Env & Energy	Harris-Talley	Finance	Oppose	
SB 5007	Addressing the economic challenges facing Washington citizens from the COVID-19 pandemic through a temporary reduction in compliance and tax burden on electric utilities in order to lower costs and support direct utility assistance to low-income customers. WPUDA priority	S Environment, Energy	Van De Wege	Finance	Support	
SB 5008	Extending the business and occupation tax exemption for amounts received as credits against contracts with or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration and used for low-income ratepayer assistance and weatherization. WPUDA priority bill	S Ways & Means	Robinson	Finance	Support	
SHB 1095	Concerning the taxation of governmental financial assistance programs addressing the impacts of conditions giving rise to a gubernatorial or presidential emergency proclamation by creating state business and occupation tax and state public utility tax exemptions By Request: Department of Revenue	Passed both houses	Walen	Finance	Support	
SHB 1117	Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework.	H Approps	Lekanoff	Fish/Environ mental	Concerns	Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/16 @ 1:30 pm
SCR 8402	Extending certain gubernatorial orders issued in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency.	Passed legislation	Liias	Governance	Oppose	
<u>SB 5276</u>	Requiring additional agencies to comply with the procedures for significant legislative rules.	S State Govt	Short	Operations	Support	
HB 1329	Concerning public meeting accessibility and participation.	H Local Govt	Wicks	Public Records	Concerns	Local Government (House) Exec Session 2/15 @ 3:30 pm

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SB 5110	Promoting greater access to the internet by modifying permitting, taxation, and other standards for telecommunications companies and facilities.	S Environment, Energy	Ericksen	Telecom	Oppose	
SHB 1336	Creating and expanding unrestricted authority for public entities to provide telecommunications services to end users. WPUDA priority bill	H Rules	Hansen	Telecom	Support	
SSB 5383	Authorizing a public utility district to provide retail telecommunications services in unserved areas under certain conditions.	S Ways & Means	Wellman	Telecom	Concerns	
HB 1168	Concerning long-term forest health and the reduction of wildfire dangers.	H Approps	Springer	Wildland	Concerns	Appropriations (House) Public Hearing 2/16 @ 1:30 pm
SB 5158	Concerning the utility wildland fire prevention advisory committee.	S Ways & Means	Hawkins	Wildland	Support	Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 2/15 @ 4:00 pm
Medium	Priority Bills					
HB 1308	Expanding apprenticeship utilization requirements.	H Cap Budget	Riccelli	Contracts	Neutral	
SB 5356 HB 1391	Concerning prime contractor bidding submission requirements on public works contracts.	S Rules	Short	Contracts	Neutral	
HB 1036	Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel.	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	Energy	Concerns	
HB 1046	Concerning community solar programs.	H Env & Energy	Bateman	Energy	Neutral	
HB 1057	Clarifying the meaning of the term "enjoyment of life and property" within the clean air act.	H Rules	Pollet	Energy	Concerns	
HB 1114	Encouraging utility mitigation of urban heat island effects.	H Rules	Dye	Energy	Support	
HB 1130	Concerning consumer affordability and reliability in energy supply.	H Env & Energy	Dye	Energy	Oppose	
HB 1204 SB 5256	Concerning the electrification of transportation.	H Transportation	Macri	Energy	Concerns	

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HB 1327 SB 5363	Concerning on-bill disclosures to retail electric customers.	H Env & Energy	Dye	Energy	Neutral	
HB 1513	Improving environmental health by reducing carbon emissions through increasing climate resilience and mitigating the effects of climate change by levying a carbon pollution tax, authorizing a climate finance bond program, and investing in clean economic growth. Carbon tax	H Env & Energy	Lekanoff	Energy	Concerns	
<u>SB 5000</u>	Creating a hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle pilot sales and use tax exemption program.	S Transportation	Hawkins	Energy	Support	
SB 5244	Encouraging the production of advanced nuclear reactors, small modular reactors, and components through the invest in Washington act.	S Environment, Energy	Brown	Energy	Support	
SB 5373	Concerning carbon pollution.	S Environment, Energy	Lovelett	Energy	Concerns	
SB 5415	Concerning the energy facility site evaluation council.	S Environment, Energy	Lovelett	Energy	Concerns	
SHB 1287	Concerning preparedness for a zero emissions transportation future.	H Transportation	Ramel	Energy	Concerns	Transportation (House) Public Hearing 2/17 @ 1:30 pm
HB 1002	Providing a business and occupation tax exemption for qualifying grants related to COVID-19 relief.	H Finance	Walen	Finance	Support	
SSB 5188	Concerning creation of the Washington state public financial cooperative.	S Ways & Means	Kuderer	Finance	Concerns	
SB 5063	Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council.	S Ways & Means	Honeyford	Fish/Environ mental	Support	Ways & Means (Senate) Exec Session 2/15 @ 4:00 pm
SSB 5141	Reducing environmental and health disparities and improving the health of all Washington state residents by implementing the recommendations of the environmental justice task force.	S Ways & Means	Saldaña	Fish/Environ mental	Concerns	
SB 5102	Concerning industrial insurance medical examinations.	S Labor, Comm	Stanford	Human Resources	Concerns	Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs

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						(Senate) Exec Session 2/15 @ 8:00 am
SB 5115	Establishing health emergency labor standards.	S Labor, Comm &	Keiser	Human Resources	Concerns	Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs (Senate) Exec Session 2/15 @ 8:00 am
SHB 1073	Expanding coverage of the paid family and medical leave program.	H Approps	Berry	Human Resources	Concerns	
SHB 1097 SB 5090	Increasing worker protections.	H Approps	Sells	Human Resources	Concerns	
SSB 5097	Expanding coverage of the paid family and medical leave program.	S Rules	Robinson	Human Resources	Concerns	
SSB 5155	Concerning prejudgment interest.	S Ways & Means	Kuderer	legal	Concerns	
SSB 5192	Supporting access to electric vehicle supply equipment.	S RecComm	Das	Operations	Neutral	
ESHB 1056	Concerning open public meeting notice requirements and declared emergencies.	S State Govt & El	Pollet	Public Records	Support	
<u>HB 1180</u>	Concerning public testimony at public meetings, including virtual meetings.	H Local Govt	Kraft	Public Records	Support	
<u>HB 1440</u>	Bringing innovation and investment to Washington's economy by streamlining the requirements for deployment of small wireless facilities.	H Comm & Econ De	Boehnke	Telecom	Neutral	
HB 1460	Closing the digital divide by establishing excise taxes on telecommunications services to fund the expansion of the universal service programs in Washington.	H Finance	Gregerson	Telecom	Support	Finance (House) Exec Session 2/16 @ 8:00 am
SB 5175	Concerning the authority of the community economic revitalization board.	S Ways & Means	Nguyen	Telecom	Support	
SB 5439	Facilitating the coordinated installation of broadband along state highways.	S Transportation	Saldaña	Telecom	Support	Transportation (Senate) Public Hearing 2/15 @ 4:00 pm
SHB 1263	Concerning rural infrastructure.	H Cap Budget	Abbarno	Telecom	Neutral	Capital Budget (House) Public

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						Hearing 2/17 @ 8:00 am
<u>HB 1132</u>	Concerning the protection of water supply for farming and rural economic development.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Kretz	Water	Support	
HB 1139	Taking action to address lead in drinking water.	H Rules	Pollet	Water	Neutral	
<u>SB 5060</u>	Concerning the preservation of water rights for farmland and economic development.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Short	Water	Support	
<u>SB 5275</u>	Enhancing opportunity in limited areas of more intense rural development.	S Housing & Loca	Short	Water	Support	
SJM 8001	Requesting various entities assist state and local governments in Washington with monitoring and mitigating PFAS contamination of surface water and groundwater.	S Environment, Energy	Muzzall	Water	Support	

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