

Weekly Legislative Update: **Climate Change & Energy**

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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&mId=29428&aId=143653&caId=18512&tId=3>

HB 1623 – Risk assessment of power supply inadequacy events.

⚠ 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:

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HB 1663 - Reducing methane emissions from landfills.

⚠ Scheduled for a hearing in the House Environment and Energy Committee on 1/11. **Please sign in Pro** at:

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SB 5543 - Concerning a zero-emission landscaping equipment incentive program.

⚠ Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee on 1/11. **Please sign in Pro** at:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29425&aId=143718&caId=18410&tId=3>

SB 5722 - Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings.

⚠ Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee on 1/13. **Please sign in Pro** at:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=29427&ald=143839&ald=18596&tId=3>

You may express support for bills in hearings with the [online process](#). Select House or Senate then the committee and the date and time of the meeting, then follow the menus. Detailed instructions are in this week's Legislative Newsletter. Remember, only authorized members can speak for the League; the Issue Chairs will do that, so please leave the "Organization" box blank. A more powerful influence is many voices speaking for themselves rather than many voices speaking for the League.

How You Can Be Involved

- During the legislative session we will send Action Alerts in the [Legislative Newsletter](#). Please respond to these, which will direct you to an application to facilitate communicating with your legislators on an important votes in committees or on the chamber floor.
- Local Leagues in Washington have Action Chairs who coordinate action teams. Some Local Leagues have Environment or Climate teams to take action locally. Contact your local league Action Chair to find out and join.
- You may also express your opinion on legislation with the LWVWA Issue Chairs. We will take your perspectives under considerations as we determine our support for legislation and prepare testimony. Martin Gibbins, Climate Issue Chair, mgibbins@lwvwa.org