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Enacted	<p>Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets</p> <p>45% by 2030 70% by 2040 95% by 2050 net-zero economy by 2050</p> <p>Relative to 1990 levels</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 79, Laws of 2020 (2020) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2020
Enacted	<p>Climate Action Plans</p> <p>Washington State Energy Strategy</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 43.21F.045 (1981) Washington State Energy Strategy (2020) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2020
Enacted	<p>State Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory</p> <p>The 1990-2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory was published in December 2022.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 70A.45.020 (2) (2010) 1990-2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory (2022) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	2022
Not Enacted	<p>Climate Bureaucracy</p> <p>Climate bureaucracy consists of dedicated climate offices and staff, interagency working groups, task forces, and other bodies made up of government staff. These bodies are often responsible for writing a state's climate plan and implementing the policies and strategies identified to meet its climate targets.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	
Not Enacted	<p>Climate Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Climate advisory bodies often write or advise on a state's climate plan, and make non-binding recommendations on climate policy design and implementation. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Climate Governance	

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Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Community Definitions</p> <p>"Overburdened communities" are areas that (1) receive a 9 or 10 ranking out of 10 on the Washington Environmental Health Disparities (EHD) Map, are census block groups in the 90th percentile on the U.S. EPA's EJScreen, or are on Tribal land; (2) have an elevated level of at least one criteria air pollutant; and (3) meet the threshold for at least one of 8 indicators related to air pollution exposure, health impacts, or vulnerability.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 70A.02.010 (2021) ■ 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021
Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Mapping Tools</p> <p>Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map (2019) ■ 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2019
Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Community Investment Requirements</p> <p>At least 35%, with a goal of 40%, of cap-and-invest revenue must benefit overburdened communities and at least 10% to investments formally supported by Indian tribes.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 5126 (2021) ■ 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021

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Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Bureaucracy</p> <p>Department of Ecology – Office of Equity & Environmental Justice</p> <p>Department of Ecology – Environmental Justice & Title VI Senior Advisor</p> <p>DOH – Environmental Justice Council Staff</p> <p>DOT – Environmental Justice Staff</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 5141 (2021) • Department of Ecology – Office of Equity & Environmental Justice • DOH – Environmental Justice Council Staff • DOT – Environmental Justice Staff 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021
Enacted	<p>Environmental Justice Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Environmental Justice Council</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 5141 (2021) 	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	2021
Not Enacted	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment</p> <p>Cumulative impact assessments determine the health and environmental impacts of renewing or granting a permit for certain pollution-generating facilities in environmental justice communities. Increased pollution burdens in communities may result in the permit application being denied.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Environmental Justice and Equity	
Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Plans</p> <p>Just transition plans are documents that outline policies and recommendations aimed at supporting communities, workers, and industries affected by the transition away from fossil fuels. The plans often focus on workforce development and retraining, job creation, and economic diversification.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Offices and Staff</p> <p>Just transition offices and staff assist workers and communities transitioning away from fossil fuel extraction and use, typically through retraining programs and support with relocation and economic diversification. Offices and staff also coordinate with other state agencies to effectively design policy to achieve a just transition.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	






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Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Advisory Bodies</p> <p>Just transition advisory bodies write or advise on a state's just transition plan or report, and make recommendations on ways to support affected workers, communities, and industries. The bodies can consist of all non-government members, or be a mix of government and non-government members.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Not Enacted	<p>Just Transition Funds</p> <p>Just transition funds support initiatives and investments aimed at facilitating the equitable transition of workers and communities affected by shifts in industries or policies that transition from fossil fuels.</p>	Climate Governance and Equity	Just Transition	
Not Enacted	<p>Green Banks</p> <p>Green banks are public, quasi-public, or non-profit entities that use innovative financing to invest in climate solutions and attract private capital across various economic sectors.</p>	Cross-Sector	Climate Finance	
Enacted	<p>Carbon Pollution Pricing</p> <p>Washington's Cap-and-Invest Program covers the electricity, buildings, transportation, and industrial sectors, covering around 75% of state emissions.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 5126 (2021) • Washington's Cap-and-Invest Program (2023) 	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	2023
Enacted	<p>Social Cost of Carbon</p> <p>Electrical and gas companies must incorporate the social cost of carbon in utility resource planning.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 5116 (2019) 	Cross-Sector	Carbon Valuation	2019

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Enacted	<p>Clean Energy and Renewable Portfolio Standards</p> <p>15% renewable energy by 2020 100% greenhouse gas neutral by 2030 100% renewable or zero-emitting energy by 2045</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 5116 (2019)  	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2019
Not Enacted	<p>Electricity Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets</p> <p>Electricity greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit GHG emissions in the electricity sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by different amounts over time, often expressed as percentage relative to a baseline year.</p>	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	
Enacted	<p>Clean Energy Plans</p> <p>Washington 2021 State Energy Strategy</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 5116 (2019)  Washington 2021 State Energy Strategy (2020)  	Electricity	Energy Plans and Targets	2020
Not Enacted	<p>Distributed Generation/Solar Carve-out</p> <p>The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT - Distributed Generation/Solar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carve-out in Washington  <p>Policy Components</p> <p>0/5</p>	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	

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Partially Enacted	<p>Net Metering</p> <p>The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT - Net Metering in Washington <input type="checkbox"/> SPOT - Aggregate Net Metering in Washington <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Policy Components</p> <p>8/11</p>	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	
Partially Enacted	<p>Shared Renewables</p> <p>The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT - Shared Renewables in Washington <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <p>Policy Components</p> <p>5/6</p>	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	
Not Enacted	<p>Community Choice Aggregation</p> <p>Community choice aggregation allows local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while still receiving transmission and distribution service from their existing utility provider.</p>	Electricity	Clean Energy Generation	
Not Enacted	<p>Energy Storage Targets</p> <p>Energy storage targets establish procurement targets for energy storage systems by a certain date, often with interim targets. Targets can vary from broad megawatt (MW) requirements to more specific mandates that focus on the adoption of certain storage technologies.</p>	Electricity	Transmission, Distribution, and Energy Storage	

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Enacted	<p>Interconnection Standards</p> <p>Washington received a D grade from Freeing the Grid.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>Freeing the Grid Washington Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (2023) ■ 	Electricity	Transmission, Distribution, and Energy Storage	2023
Enacted	<p>Coal Phaseouts</p> <p>Requires utilities to phase out coal-fired electricity from their state portfolios by 2025.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>SB 5116 (2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	Electricity	Coal Retirement	2019
Not Enacted	<p>Coal Plant Securitization</p> <p>Coal securitization is a financing tool that allows utility companies to refinance debt they issued to build coal plants and close the facilities early without taking a financial hit or passing costs on to ratepayers.</p>	Electricity	Coal Retirement	
Enacted	<p>Residential Energy Codes</p> <p>The statewide energy code for residential construction is the Washington State 2021 Energy Code.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>Washington State Energy Code (2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2024
Enacted	<p>Commercial Energy Codes</p> <p>The statewide energy code for commercial building construction is the Washington State 2021 Energy Code.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>Washington State Energy Code (2023)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	2023
Not Enacted	<p>Stretch Building Energy Codes</p> <p>Stretch building energy codes are an optional, more stringent building code established by the state that local jurisdictions can adopt to require that newly constructed buildings are more efficient than the baseline state codes.</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Codes	

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	<p>Appliance Standards</p> <p>The Appliance Efficiency Standards apply to 21 products.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW § 19.260 (2019) HB 1619 (2022) Appliance Standards 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	2022
Enacted	<p>Building Performance Standards</p> <p>The Clean Buildings Performance Standard applies to buildings larger than 20,000 square feet.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1257 (2019) Chapter 194-50 WAC (2020) SB 5722 (2022) Clean Buildings Performance Standard 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	2022
Not Enacted	<p>Clean Heat Standards</p> <p>Clean heat standards establish a performance standard requiring heat providers to deliver a gradually-increasing percentage of low-emission heating services to customers.</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Standards	
Enacted	<p>Energy Efficiency Resource Standards (EERS)</p> <p>Electric and gas utilities are subject to utility-specific energy savings targets, as approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCW 19.285.040 (2006) RCW 80.28.380 (2019) Company Conservation Programs 	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2019

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Enacted	<p>Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)</p> <p>Washington has enacted commercial PACE-enabling legislation and has active programs.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 2405 (2020)  	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	2020
Enacted	<p>Weatherization Funding</p> <p>The State Policy Opportunity Tracker (SPOT) breaks clean energy policies down into “components”, which are binary questions to evaluate policy quality. Higher quality policies have more of their SPOT components fulfilled.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPOT - Weatherization Funding in Washington  <p>Policy Components</p> <p>4/4</p>	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Efficiency	
Enacted	<p>All-Electric Buildings</p> <p>The state energy code offer builders incentives in the permitting process for choosing electric heat pumps instead of natural gas furnaces.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 Washington State Energy Code (2024)  	Buildings and Efficiency	Building Electrification	2024
Enacted	<p>Low-Emission Vehicle (LEV) Standards</p> <p>Washington Clean Cars</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 173-423 WAC (2022)  Washington Clean Cars  	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2022

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Enacted	<p>Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates</p> <p>Model Year (MY) 2026: 35% of new passenger vehicle sales are ZEVs MY 2030: 68% of new sales are ZEVs MY 2035: 100% of new sales are ZEVs, with up to 20% being hybrid or hydrogen-powered vehicles.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 5974 (2022) • Advanced Clean Cars II (2022) • Advanced Clean Cars II Program 	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	2022
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle Rebates</p> <p>Electric vehicle rebates offer rebates to make light-duty electric vehicles more affordable to increase their adoption in a state.</p>	Transportation	Light-Duty Vehicles	
Enacted	<p>Low NOx Omnibus Rules</p> <p>The Low NOx Omnibus Rule applies to Model Year 2026 onwards.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 173-423 WAC (2022) 	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	2022
Enacted	<p>Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandates</p> <p>By 2035: 55% of Class 2b-3 truck sales are zero-emissions 75% of Class 4-8 straight truck sales are zero-emissions 40% of Class 7-8 tractor sales are zero-emissions.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington Advanced Clean Trucks Rule (2022) • Advanced Clean Trucks Program 	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	2022
Not Enacted	<p>Medium- and Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebates</p> <p>Medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) electric vehicle rebates consist of programs and policies that offer rebates to make MHD electric vehicles more affordable to increase their adoption in a state.</p>	Transportation	Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles	

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Enacted	<p>Public Fleet Electric Vehicle (EV) Procurement Targets</p> <p>40% of the state's passenger and light-duty vehicle fleet are battery EVs by 2025 75% are BEVs by 2030 100% are BEVs by 2035</p> <p>50% of the state's medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleet are BEVs by 2030 75% are BEVs by 2035 100% are BEVs by 2040</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order 21-04 (2021) 	Transportation	Lead by Example	2021
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Bus Procurement Targets</p> <p>Electric bus procurement targets require that a certain percentage or number of school buses and/or transit buses purchased or leased by the state, transit authorities, and/or school districts must be electric or zero-emissions.</p>	Transportation	Lead by Example	
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Requirements</p> <p>Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure requirements establish mandates for the installation of EV charging infrastructure in new construction or developments, such as residential or commercial buildings, and public parking lots.</p>	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Rebates</p> <p>Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure rebates offer rebates to make the purchase and/or installation costs of EV charging infrastructure more affordable.</p>	Transportation	EV Charging Infrastructure	
Not Enacted	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) and EV Charging Infrastructure Plans</p> <p>Electric vehicle (EV) and EV charging infrastructure plans are documents that provide a framework to guide the development, coordination, and adoption of EVs and EV charging infrastructure.</p>	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	
Not Enacted	<p>Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets</p> <p>Transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets are set by a state to limit emissions in the transportation sector. These targets aim to reduce emissions by specific amounts over time, often expressed as a percentage reduction from a baseline year.</p>	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	

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Enacted	<p>Low Carbon Fuel Standards</p> <p>Washington Clean Fuel Standard</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>Chapter 70A.535 RCW (2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Clean Fuel Standard 	Transportation	Transportation Plans and Targets	2021
Enacted	<p>Bicycle Friendly States</p> <p>Washington is ranked 3rd out of 50 in the 2022 Bicycle Friendly State rankings by the League of American Bicyclists.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>Washington Bicycle Friendly State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scorecard <p>Policy Components</p> <p>5/5</p>	Transportation	Public and Active Transportation	
Enacted	<p>Buy Clean Requirements</p> <p>The state has funded the creation of a database to track building materials purchased for state-funded infrastructure projects and two large Buy Clean and Buy Fair pilot projects.</p> <p>State contractors must report on large construction projects, including suppliers' declarations on environmental, health, and working conditions for covered products, such as concrete, steel, and engineered wood. The Department of Commerce must convene a working group to recommend policies to increase production and use of low-carbon construction materials.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <p>HB 1080 (2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1282 (2024) 	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Industrial Decarbonization	2024

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Enacted	<p>Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) Regulations</p> <p>The state prohibits the use of certain HFCs in refrigeration equipment, air conditioning chillers, aerosol propellants, and foams that are manufactured or used in Washington.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1112 (2019) • HB 1050 (2021) 	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	2021
Enacted	<p>Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF6) Regulations</p> <p>Electric power entities that import or deliver electricity equivalent to or greater than 10,000 metric tons of CO2e must report their emissions</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCW 70A.45.020 (2) (2010) 	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	F-gas Regulations	2010
Not Enacted	<p>Oil and Gas Methane Regulations</p> <p>Oil and gas methane regulations include phasedown commitments, reporting requirements, leak detection and repair, or other measures that reduce methane emissions from oil and gas production.</p>	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	
Enacted	<p>Fracking Bans</p> <p>Hydraulic fracking for the exploration and production of natural gas is banned.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 5145 (2019) 	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Oil and Gas Regulations	2019
Enacted	<p>Landfill Methane Regulations</p> <p>Landfill owners and operators must install gas collection and control equipment, energy recovery devices, and/or treatment and processing systems to reduce their methane emissions. The rule requires quarterly monitoring of the landfill surface, quarterly monitoring of gas collection and control system equipment, and a timeline to ensure any methane leaks are quickly fixed.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 173-408 WAC – Landfill Methane Emissions (2024) 	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	2024

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Enacted	<p>Food Waste Bans and Targets</p> <p>Food waste target – 75% reduction by 2030, relative to 2015 levels.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HB 1799 (2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	Industry, Materials, and Waste Management	Waste Management	2022
Enacted	<p>Agriculture Financial Incentives</p> <p>The Sustainable Farms and Fields Grant Program and the Washington Soil Health Initiative provide financial assistance and free services to help implement climate-smart practices and projects that increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 5947 (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SB 6306 (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	2020
Enacted	<p>Agriculture Technical Assistance Programs</p> <p>The Sustainable Farms and Fields Grant Program provides technical assistance and free services to help implement climate-smart practices and projects that increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The Washington Soil Health Initiative provides technical assistance, policy support, research, outreach, and education to promote healthy soils practices.</p> <p>Establishing Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB 5947 (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SB 6306 (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sustainable Farms & Fields Grant Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Washington Soil Health Initiative (2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 	Natural and Working Lands	Agriculture	2020