



WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE **CLIMATE** PRIORITIES

Now is the time to protect and advance programs that are delivering benefits for our communities, businesses, and environment across the state. We must keep cutting pollution and prioritizing energy costs.

Amid federal attacks on critical clean energy legislation and funding, Washington must continue to lead on climate and uphold its commitment to cutting pollution. **Our state has shown that effective climate policy can lower costs for Washingtonians while protecting the environment.**

We must continue to use Climate Commitment Act (CCA) funds for climate action that also lowers costs for everyday people. Washington voters defended these investments, and the Legislature should not divert them for other purposes. The Legislature should also ensure the success of its previous work by making sure we can build and move clean energy and preventing large polluters from skirting our climate laws.

Top 3 Climate Priorities



Unleash Transmission (SB 5466)

We have nation-leading climate laws in Washington State, but right now we are not building the grid at the pace and scale we need to power the clean energy transition. To reach our climate targets in law, we need to make it easier to site, build, and upgrade transmission lines to deliver clean electricity. Delaying these critical projects jeopardizes our ability to maintain a resilient, reliable, and affordable electrical grid.



Protect & Strengthen Washington's Climate Laws

The CCA and the Clean Energy Transformation Act (100% clean electricity) are delivering results, but there remain loopholes that allow extra pollution and cost the state millions in revenue. With federal uncertainty growing, the Legislature must act this year to protect and strengthen these laws by tightening compliance, closing loopholes, and ensuring all large polluters pay their fair share. Doing so will preserve the integrity of our climate laws; safeguard critical investment dollars, and ensure Washington stays on track to meet our statutory climate targets.



Leverage CCA Dollars to Cut Pollution and Boost Affordability

We expect \$400-\$500 million from CCA that can be spent in the supplemental budget. The Legislature should prioritize these programs to boost affordability and cut pollution.

- **WA EV Instant Rebate Program (\$100 million):** This successful program helps households on lower incomes cut their transportation fuel costs by helping them access a new or used EV. When the program launched in 2024, it blew through \$45 million in three months. The average recipient had an annual household income of \$53,800 and 89% said they would not have been able to benefit from the \$1,500+ in yearly EV fuel savings without this program. WA currently has no passenger EV incentives, which are all the more important now that federal incentives have been revoked, but the Legislature can rectify this with CCA funding.
- **WA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program (HEAR, \$50 million):** Research shows we need substantial investment in building electrification to align with our State Energy Strategy. HEAR has proven to be popular and successful at distributing efficient energy upgrades to households: in its initial launch, HEAR distributed almost 4,000 rebates to homes. Funding HEAR is critical to ensuring continued progress toward building decarbonization in WA.
- **WA EV Charging Program (\$50 million):** This program broadens access to affordable EV charging across the state through grants to public entities, Tribes, non-profits, and utilities to build chargers in places that will particularly help those who may not be able to charge at home. The first round of this program (\$98.4 million) had a waitlist of \$40 million and awardees in almost every county. The current round is for \$19.4 million and demand will be much higher than the funds available. Adding funds to this program is a quick and effective way to cut transportation pollution and benefit communities across the state.