

Take Action for the Methow:
Clean Air, Climate, Forests, and Public Lands in the State Legislature
Week of March 4th

Governor Inslee has identified a strong package of climate priorities for the upcoming legislative session: 100% Clean Energy, Clean and Efficient Buildings, Clean Fuel Standard, HFC Super-Pollutant Ban, Clean Transportation, and accompanying budget investments. With the help of Methow Valley Citizens Council, we are closely following these bills. Together, we'll be providing periodic and timely updates on relevant bills and tips on how you can effectively engage with your legislators this session.

ONE ACTION TO TAKE THIS WEEK:

Email or Call

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Representative Mike Steele (360) 786-7832, mike.steele@leg.wa.gov

Representative Keith Goehner (360) 386-7954, email: keith.goehner@leg.wa.gov

Dear Senator Hawkins, Rep. Steele, and Rep. Goehner,

I am writing to express my support for several bills being considered in the legislature this week.

First, thank you Senator Hawkins for your wonderful leadership on bills such as SB 5322 to protect water quality, SB 5873 to support and encourage community forestry, and SB 5588 to authorize the production, distribution, and sale of renewable hydrogen – a part of the climate solution.

And thank you Representative Steele for being a lead sponsor on HB 1512: Concerning the electrification of transportation.

I believe investing in a future with renewable, clean energy is one of the top priorities for our state. We must take bold, inspiring steps to secure this new future. So, I am strongly urging you to support the following bills as well that address climate change and help reduce our carbon footprint on our planet:

SSB 5697/HB 1567: Improving efficiency of solid fuel burning devices.

SB 5115/HB 1444: Concerning appliance efficiency standards.

SB 5223/HB 1862: Concerning net metering (Solar Fairness Act).

SB 5293/HB1257: Concerning energy efficiency (Clean Buildings for Washington Act).

SB 5323/HB 1205: Reducing Pollution from Plastic Bags.

SB 5397/HB 1204: Concerning the responsible management of plastic packaging.

SB 5811/HB1999: Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.

HB 1110/SB 5412: Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels (Clean Fuel Standard).

HB 1126: Enabling electric utilities to prepare for the distributed energy future.

HB 2047: Concerning carbon sequestration on natural and working lands as part of the state's climate change response.

Additionally, I urge Representatives Steele and Goehner to join Senator Hawkins in supporting HB 1261 to ensure compliance with the federal clean water act by prohibiting certain discharges into waters of the state. Also, I would like you to know that I support HB 1544: Addressing the effective date of certain actions taken under the growth management act.

I do have concerns around bills SSB 5666 and SHB 1028 which would modify the types of off-road vehicles subject to local government regulation. Both bills raise serious public safety and environmental concerns from expanded routes for WATVs – especially on roads with speed limits over 35 mph.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I appreciate the volume of bills you are evaluating and the time it takes to make informed choices on each issue.

Thank you for working on behalf of all of us in Northcentral Washington

Sincerely,