

## Weekly Legislative Update: **Climate Crisis & Energy**

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The 2023 legislative session is underway, and we already have over 35 bills introduced responding to the climate crisis and clean, renewable energy. We cannot fully evaluate or track all the bills, so we will focus on those most aligned with League positions, positively or negatively. We may also suggest revisions (amendments) to bills that need revision to make a positive influence. The bills below are a few that have hearings this week. You can make your personal position known before committee hearings through the [committee sign](#) in process. Links in the descriptions below will take you directly to the sign-in page for the bill. Your name will appear in the legislative record.

### **Priority Bills Needing Action This Week**

#### **HB 1170 – Integrated Climate response strategy updates for climate resilience.**

Scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy on January 16 at 1:30 pm. **Please sign in Pro by 12:30 pm** or earlier in the week:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=30357&ald=149331&caId=20462&tId=3>

#### **HB 1176 – Creating a Washington Climate Corps.**

Scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce January 17 at 1:30 pm. **Please sign in Pro by 12:30 pm** or earlier in the week:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=30363&ald=148965&caId=20441&tId=3>

#### **SB 5165 – Improving electric power system transmission planning (companion to HB 1192).**

Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology on January 18 at 8:00 am. **Please sign in Pro by 7:00 am** or earlier in the week:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=30370&ald=148994&caId=20311&tId=3>

#### **HB 1192 – Improving electric power system transmission planning (companion to SB 5165).**

Scheduled for a hearing in the House Committee on Environment & Energy on January 19 at 8:00 am. **Please sign in Pro by 7:00 am** or earlier in the week:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=House&mId=30359&ald=148954&caId=20407&tId=3>

**SB 5093 – Integrated Climate response strategy updates for climate resilience.**

Scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology January 20 at 8:00 am. **Please sign in Pro by 7:00 am** or earlier in the week:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Testifier/Add?chamber=Senate&mId=30371&ald=148995&caId=20348&tId=3>

Find additional bill descriptions on the [Climate & Energy](#) web page or detailed information at the bill number links.

You can also comment at any time to your district’s legislators. Select the bill number link to open the bill information page, then select the box **Comment on this bill**. Fill in your information and verify your district, then craft your comments. Tell them why the content of the bill, good or bad, is important to you.

**In all cases please speak for yourself, not the League.** A powerful statement is made when many constituents express their own opinion and tell their own story.

**Why we focus attention on these bills**

*The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and planet. ... Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decisions, at all levels — local, state, regional, national, and global. Approved by the LWVUS Board at the January 2019 meeting.*

A recent [Rhodium Group study](#) suggests that economic incentives, standards, and regulations will be all necessary, and this must occur at all government levels. It is our privilege to freely participate in our democracy.

**How You Can Be Involved**

- If you would like to receive periodic news of environmental presentations, projects, and updates, join the LWVWA Environment Affinity Group. Contact Martin Gibbins, Climate Issue Chair, [mgibbins@lwwa.org](mailto:mgibbins@lwwa.org)
- 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.