

# 2025 State Legislature Climate/Sustainability Budget Items and Bills

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# Budget Items

- Cleaner medium and heavy duty trucks grant program: \$126M total
- Clean Transportation local projects:
  - Spokane River Centennial Trail Renovation Phase 2 \$2.2M
  - Fish Lake Trail/Centennial Trail connection \$1M
  - I-90/395 Noise reduction East Central \$300K
  - Children of the Sun Trail completion funding moved into “future” biennium
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety programs funding increased
- Conservation: Glen Tana acquisition \$1.7M (WWRP)
- State Parks: Climate Adaptation Analysis

# State Budget & the Climate Commitment Act

This biennium budget deficit \$12B-\$16B over 4 years  
(\$77BN total budget)

- Three different state budgets:
- Operating
- Capital (construction)
- Transportation

# Agency budget example

- **State Department of Health, Environmental Public Health**

# Budget Items

- Conservation: Glen Tana acquisition \$1.7M (WWRP)
- State Parks: Climate Adaptation Analysis \$500K
- No Child Left Inside grant program cut by \$3.3M
- Energy Audits – Public Buildings cut by \$7.5M
- Value of Solar study \$450K
- Toxic fire chemicals \$8.5M

# Clean Transportation Budget Items

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- EV rebate program cut by \$49M

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# Climate/Sustainability-related Policy Bills

## **Bills that passed:**

- SB 5175 Solar panel recycling program SIGNED
- HB 1462 Reducing greenhouse gasses associated with hydroflourocarbons

## Housing:

- HB 1491 Transit oriented development
- SB 5148 GMA Compliance
- SB 5184 Parking Reform

## **• Bills that failed:**

- HB 1458 Embodied Carbon in Buildings
- HB 1303 CURB pollution act (environmental justice in state permitting)

# Solid Waste Bills

## **Bills that passed:**

SB 5284 Recycling Modernization

HB 1497 Compost waste material

HB 1483 right to repair

SB 5033 PFAS in biosolids

## **Bills that failed:**

SB 5703 Waste to Energy CCA

SB 5586 EV battery recycling

HB 1420 Textile producer responsibility



# Clean Transportation Bills

## **Bills that passed:**

- HB 1409 Clean Fuels Standard
- 5595 Shared streets

## **• Bills that failed:**

- 5582 Safe System approach
- 5374 Tribal Traffic Safety program

# Federal Legislative and Budget Update

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# Grant terminations and reimbursements

- **City grants:** Paused and then un-paused Urban Forestry (\$6M NFS), Safe Streets For All (\$9M USDOT), Terminated: Community Change grant w/Gonzaga (\$19M EPA).
- **WA State Attorney General lawsuits/legal actions related to federal funding sources:**
  - Federal electric vehicle infrastructure funding
  - Dismantling of Health and Human Services
  - Freeze on wind development
  - Dismantling of Americorps
  - Cust to medical and public health research
  - National Environmental Policy Act regulation
  - Federal employee firings

# Clean Transportation Policy

## “DEFUNDING TRANSPORTATION DEI & GREEN NEW SCAM GRANTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION” USDOT

“The following university grants have been canceled: ”

- University of California, Davis - National Center for Sustainable Transportation
  - \$12M for “accelerating equitable decarbonization” research.
- City College of New York - Center for Social and Economic Mobility for People and Communities through Transportation
  - About \$9M for “equitable transportation for the disadvantaged workforce” research.
- New York University - Connected Communities for Smart Mobility Toward Accessible and Resilient Transportation for Equitably Reducing Congestion
  - \$6M for “e-bikes to low-income travelers in transit deserts” research.
- University of New Orleans - Center for Transit Oriented Communities
  - \$6M for “equitable transit-oriented communities [and] how neighborhood stabilization efforts support environmental justice” research.
- Johns Hopkins University - Center for Smart Transportation
  - \$6M for research on “hyperlocal pollution exposure inequalities in New York City, promoting EV usage for low-income gig workers, long distance ride sharing, gentrification” and making climate change the center of transportation decisions.

# Proposed elimination of tax-free bonds

- Potential impacts to the City of Spokane

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