

## Focus on: Governor Inslee's Climate Change Investments



### More information

In 2008, the state Legislature adopted targets requiring the state to limit its total greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, to 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2035, and to 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. Without additional action, the state is not on track to meet those targets. The latest scientific assessments suggest we must reduce emissions even further to prevent serious impacts from climate change, and Ecology has recommended that our state adopt stronger targets.

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### Governor Inslee proposes initiatives to beat climate change

The science is clear that climate change poses significant risks to our economy, our health, our environment, our national security, and our way of life.

Governor Inslee and legislators are proposing a comprehensive package of legislation and investments that will speed up the transition to a cleaner, carbon-free future.

Under the proposal, five initiatives would combine to significantly reduce emissions and put Washington on track to meet its statutory greenhouse gas reduction targets by 2035.

The initiatives would:

- Move Washington to 100 percent clean energy.
- Advance cleaner, more energy-efficient buildings.
- Eliminate the use of climate change super-pollutants.
- Develop cleaner transportation fuels.
- Expand zero-emission transportation, expanding consumer choices for electric cars and trucks, and electrifying public transportation, including the state ferry fleet.

## Proposed budget for Ecology includes \$2.6 million for climate work

Tackling climate change and clean energy are priorities for Ecology, and we're working hard to protect Washington's fish, farms, and waters from the damage that rising temperatures, ocean acidification, and shifting precipitation patterns will cause.

The governor's proposed investments include specific work assigned to Ecology totaling \$2.6 million over the next two years.

### Eliminating HFC super-pollutants

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are potent greenhouse gases commonly used in refrigeration, air conditioning, and other applications. These "super-pollutants" can be thousands of times more damaging to the climate than carbon dioxide.

Contingent on passage of proposed legislation, Governor Inslee's budget proposal provides \$959,000 to phase out the use of HFCs in Washington and identify suitable substitutes.

### Clean fuels

Transportation makes up the single largest share of Washington's greenhouse gas emissions. Cars and trucks alone emit nearly one-third of the state's carbon pollution. The states of Oregon, California, and the province of British Columbia have enacted clean fuel standards to cut their greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels.

The governor's budget provides over \$1.4 million for Ecology to conduct rulemaking to implement a low-carbon fuel standard and carry out the tracking and monitoring necessary for compliance with the standard.

### Zero-emission vehicles

Transitioning to electric vehicles is one of the most important ways to reduce carbon pollution. The governor has proposed legislation to build on current efforts to promote electric vehicles by ensuring affordable and convenient electric and zero-emission vehicle options are provided to Washington consumers.

The governor's budget provides \$254,000 for Ecology to conduct rulemaking to join nine other states in adopting California's Zero-Emission Vehicle Program.



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