

Energy

Prioritize infrastructure investments, increase energy planning, and support cost-effective energy solutions so ports can enhance their ability to both provide economic benefit and environmental stewardship through local decarbonization efforts.



At a glance

Ports are drivers of economic development and are crucial stakeholders in advancing the deployment and development of clean energy technologies in WA.

Port Electrification Grant Program

A competitive grant program created at WSDOT, funded with \$26.5M through Climate Commitment Act revenue. Project selections made in August, 2024



11 PORTS
Projects selected across the state.



140,000 METRIC TONS
of ghg emissions over the next 10 years

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CHALLENGES

Ports are facing increasing delays in aligning competitiveness and economic growth with energy demands and needs of utility providers. In some cases, utilities are unable to provide the necessary energy to support new business opportunities or recruitment, including clean energy production and manufacturing projects, which require substantial power.

PORT ELECTRIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM - WSDOT

Support the continuation and re-capitalization of the grant program in the 2025-27 budget to continue deployment of important decarbonization projects.

CLEAN ENERGY SITING AND PERMITTING

As energy demand increases, a sustainable clean energy economy needs an efficient permitting process. Support policy changes for improvements to energy projects of statewide significance, clearly identify acceptable ghg emission mitigation measures, consolidate and improve outreach requirements, and consider SEPA categorical exemptions for certain projects.

**HB 1237
SB 5246**

Rep. Fitzgibbon, Sen. Shewmake

Bill to streamline the application and approval process at the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

**SB
5466**

Sen. Shewmake

Bill to improve reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in WA. Creating an Electric Transmission Office and SEPA categorical exemption.

**HB
1302**

Rep. Cortes

Bill to waive the utility connection charge for organizations using industrial symbiosis.