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**SENATE BILL 5208**

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a new clean energy fund program;  
2 amending RCW 70A.65.260; reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 and  
3 43.84.092; adding new sections to chapter 43.21F RCW; creating a new  
4 section; providing effective dates; providing an expiration date; and  
5 declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that providing  
8 funding to public and private entities under the requirements of this  
9 act is fundamental to helping Washington meet the obligations set  
10 forth in the state's environmental policies including, but not  
11 limited to, the emissions reductions established under RCW  
12 70A.45.020.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts  
14 appropriated for this specific purpose, the department may offer  
15 loans to aid projects that align with or implement Washington's  
16 stated policy goals relating to fostering a prosperous clean energy  
17 economy. Loans may be used to fund all or part of projects in  
18 Washington for:

19 (a) Acquiring electric or hydrogen vehicles, or charging and  
20 refueling infrastructure for such vehicles;

1 (b) Evaluating sites or providing technical assistance for new or  
2 improved energy generation or transmission facilities;

3 (c) Installing solar, wind, geothermal, or hydrogen equipment to  
4 assist with meeting an eligible applicant's energy use requirements;

5 (d) Developing advanced nuclear reactor technology including, but  
6 not limited to, small modular reactors;

7 (e) Decarbonizing an eligible applicant's facility;

8 (f) Promoting research and development of new and emerging clean  
9 energy generation or storage technology;

10 (g) Modernizing the electrical grid; or

11 (h) Researching and implementing clean energy technology that  
12 specifically applies to agriculture or forestry.

13 (2) Payments of principal and interest on loans awarded pursuant  
14 to this section must be deposited into the clean energy fund account  
15 created in section 5 of this act.

16 (3) The department shall award loans in a manner as to ensure, to  
17 the maximum extent practicable, that funds are proportionally  
18 distributed among the greatest number of eligible projects during  
19 each funding cycle.

20 (4) (a) For loans offered to public or governmental entities, the  
21 department may establish reduced or capped interest rates modeled on  
22 interest rate options as provided in RCW 43.155.060 and 43.155.065.

23 (b) Loans approved for nonpublic or private entities may not be  
24 offered at an interest rate below the United States prime rate plus  
25 two percent.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The following entities are eligible to  
27 receive loans authorized under section 2 of this act:

28 (1) Any person or organization engaging in business, broadly  
29 defined to include all activities engaged in with the object of gain,  
30 benefit, or advantage to the person or organization;

31 (2) Any electric utility, as defined in RCW 19.29A.010;

32 (3) Any corporation organized under Title 24 RCW;

33 (4) Any operating agency or joint operating agency, as defined in  
34 RCW 43.52.250;

35 (5) Any political subdivision of the state of Washington; and

36 (6) Any national laboratory with a facility located in  
37 Washington.

1        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 4.**        (1) When soliciting and evaluating  
2 proposals, executing contracts, approving loans, and monitoring  
3 projects funded under section 2 of this act, the department shall  
4 conduct due diligence activities associated with the use of public  
5 funds including, but not limited to, ensuring that applications,  
6 contracts, and agreements fully comply with all applicable disclosure  
7 and ethics laws.

8        (2) If the department concludes that there has been a violation  
9 of any law described in subsection (1) of this section relating to a  
10 specific project funded under section 2 of this act, the department  
11 in its sole discretion may cancel a loan and require the recipient to  
12 repay any funds received. The department shall reserve its right to  
13 pursue all available remedies under law to address violations and  
14 repayment of any canceled loan.

15        (3) The requirements of this section must be specified in funding  
16 agreements issued by the department.

17        NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 5.**        (1) The clean energy fund account is  
18 created in the state treasury. All receipts from appropriations and  
19 transfers by the legislature; bond proceeds authorized by the  
20 legislature; federal funds, grants, and other forms of financial  
21 assistance; payment of principal and interest on loans awarded  
22 pursuant to section 2 of this act; and any other lawful source must  
23 be deposited into the account for uses consistent with this section.  
24 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

25        (2) Expenditures from the account may be used only for loans made  
26 under section 2 of this act, including up to one percent of the costs  
27 incurred by the department to administer section 2 of this act.

28        (3) The department shall maintain separate accounting for any  
29 federal funds in the account.

30        **Sec. 6.**        RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 4 and 2024 c 168 s 12 are  
31 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

32        (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
33 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
34 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

35        (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
36 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the  
37 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
38 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no

1 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest  
2 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of  
3 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management  
4 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require  
5 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the  
6 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash  
7 management improvement act. The office of financial management may  
8 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to  
9 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
10 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
11 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
12 section.

13 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
14 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
15 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
16 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
17 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
18 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
19 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
20 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
21 section.

22 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
23 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
24 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
25 treasury income account except:

26 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
27 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
28 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational  
29 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way  
30 viaduct replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund,  
31 the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement  
32 account, the capitol building construction account, the Central  
33 Washington University capital projects account, the charitable,  
34 educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis  
35 basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the clean energy  
36 fund account, the clean fuels credit account, the clean fuels  
37 transportation investment account, the cleanup settlement account,  
38 the climate active transportation account, the climate transit  
39 programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply development  
40 account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water supply

1 development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue  
2 recovery account, the common school construction fund, the community  
3 forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, the county  
4 arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance  
5 account, the covenant homeownership account, the deferred  
6 compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation  
7 principal account, the department of licensing services account, the  
8 department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental  
9 disabilities community services account, the diesel idle reduction  
10 account, the opioid abatement settlement account, the drinking water  
11 assistance account, the administrative subaccount of the drinking  
12 water assistance account, the early learning facilities development  
13 account, the early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern  
14 Washington University capital projects account, the education  
15 construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election  
16 account, the electric vehicle account, the energy freedom account,  
17 the energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance  
18 account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the  
19 fair start for kids account, the family medicine workforce  
20 development account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the fish,  
21 wildlife, and conservation account, the freight mobility investment  
22 account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing  
23 protective fund, the higher education retirement plan supplemental  
24 benefit fund, the Washington student loan account, the highway bond  
25 retirement fund, the highway infrastructure account, the highway  
26 safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the Interstate  
27 5 bridge replacement project account, the Interstate 405 and state  
28 route number 167 express toll lanes account, the judges' retirement  
29 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial  
30 retirement principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account,  
31 the local leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise  
32 tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the marine  
33 resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the  
34 money-purchase retirement savings administrative account, the money-  
35 purchase retirement savings principal account, the motor vehicle  
36 fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the move ahead WA  
37 account, the move ahead WA flexible account, the multimodal  
38 transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the  
39 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the oyster reserve  
40 land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the

1 perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the pilotage account,  
2 the pollution liability insurance agency underground storage tank  
3 revolving account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1  
4 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and  
5 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving  
6 account, the public health supplemental account, the public works  
7 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the  
8 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway  
9 facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account,  
10 the real estate appraiser commission account, the recreational  
11 vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program account, the  
12 reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund, the resource  
13 management cost account, the rural arterial trust account, the rural  
14 mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan fund, the  
15 second injury fund, the sexual assault prevention and response  
16 account, the site closure account, the skilled nursing facility  
17 safety net trust fund, the small city pavement and sidewalk account,  
18 the special category C account, the special wildlife account, the  
19 state hazard mitigation revolving loan account, the state investment  
20 board expense account, the state investment board commingled trust  
21 fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state  
22 reclamation revolving account, the state route number 520 civil  
23 penalties account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the  
24 statewide broadband account, the statewide tourism marketing account,  
25 the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge  
26 account, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the  
27 teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the  
28 tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement  
29 account, the toll facility bond retirement account, the  
30 transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation  
31 equipment fund, the JUDY transportation future funding program  
32 account, the transportation improvement account, the transportation  
33 improvement board bond retirement account, the transportation  
34 infrastructure account, the transportation partnership account, the  
35 traumatic brain injury account, the tribal opioid prevention and  
36 treatment account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund,  
37 the University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup  
38 account, the volunteer firefighters' relief and pension principal  
39 fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers'  
40 administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education account,

1 the Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law  
2 enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement  
3 account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters'  
4 system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety  
5 employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school  
6 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the  
7 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State  
8 University building account, the Washington State University bond  
9 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration  
10 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western  
11 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated  
12 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan  
13 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated  
14 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from  
15 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal  
16 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the  
17 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund  
18 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

19 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
20 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
21 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
22 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
23 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
24 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

25 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
26 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
27 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

28 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 5 and 2024 c 168 s 13 are  
29 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

30 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state  
31 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which  
32 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

33 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or  
34 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the  
35 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income  
36 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no  
37 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest  
38 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of  
39 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management

1 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require  
2 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the  
3 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash  
4 management improvement act. The office of financial management may  
5 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to  
6 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and  
7 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the  
8 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
9 section.

10 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury  
11 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking  
12 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,  
13 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state  
14 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is  
15 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
16 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur  
17 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this  
18 section.

19 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
20 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall  
21 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the  
22 treasury income account except:

23 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
24 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's  
25 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational  
26 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way  
27 viaduct replacement project account, the budget stabilization  
28 account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building  
29 construction account, the Central Washington University capital  
30 projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory  
31 institutions account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin  
32 taxable account, the clean energy fund account, the clean fuels  
33 credit account, the clean fuels transportation investment account,  
34 the cleanup settlement account, the climate active transportation  
35 account, the climate transit programs account, the Columbia river  
36 basin water supply development account, the Columbia river basin  
37 taxable bond water supply development account, the Columbia river  
38 basin water supply revenue recovery account, the common school  
39 construction fund, the community forest trust account, the connecting  
40 Washington account, the county arterial preservation account, the

1 county criminal justice assistance account, the covenant  
2 homeownership account, the deferred compensation administrative  
3 account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department  
4 of licensing services account, the department of retirement systems  
5 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services  
6 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the opioid abatement  
7 settlement account, the drinking water assistance account, the  
8 administrative subaccount of the drinking water assistance account,  
9 the early learning facilities development account, the early learning  
10 facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University  
11 capital projects account, the education construction fund, the  
12 education legacy trust account, the election account, the electric  
13 vehicle account, the energy freedom account, the energy recovery act  
14 account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State  
15 College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account,  
16 the family medicine workforce development account, the ferry bond  
17 retirement fund, the fish, wildlife, and conservation account, the  
18 freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal  
19 account, the grade crossing protective fund, the higher education  
20 retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the Washington student  
21 loan account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway  
22 infrastructure account, the highway safety fund, the hospital safety  
23 net assessment fund, the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project  
24 account, the Interstate 405 and state route number 167 express toll  
25 lanes account, the judges' retirement account, the judicial  
26 retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement principal  
27 account, the limited fish and wildlife account, the local leasehold  
28 excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax account, the  
29 local sales and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship  
30 trust account, the medical aid account, the money-purchase retirement  
31 savings administrative account, the money-purchase retirement savings  
32 principal account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety  
33 education account, the move ahead WA account, the move ahead WA  
34 flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse  
35 roadway safety account, the municipal criminal justice assistance  
36 account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding  
37 stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance  
38 account, the pilotage account, the pollution liability insurance  
39 agency underground storage tank revolving account, the public  
40 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees'

1 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public  
2 facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health  
3 supplemental account, the public works assistance account, the Puget  
4 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations  
5 account, the Puget Sound Gateway facility account, the Puget Sound  
6 taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission  
7 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility  
8 grant program account, the reserve officers' relief and pension  
9 principal fund, the resource management cost account, the rural  
10 arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program account, the  
11 rural Washington loan fund, the second injury fund, the sexual  
12 assault prevention and response account, the site closure account,  
13 the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city  
14 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the  
15 special wildlife account, the state hazard mitigation revolving loan  
16 account, the state investment board expense account, the state  
17 investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol  
18 highway account, the state reclamation revolving account, the state  
19 route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route number 520  
20 corridor account, the statewide broadband account, the statewide  
21 tourism marketing account, the supplemental pension account, the  
22 Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' retirement system  
23 plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and  
24 plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the  
25 tobacco settlement account, the toll facility bond retirement  
26 account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the  
27 transportation equipment fund, the JUDY transportation future funding  
28 program account, the transportation improvement account, the  
29 transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the  
30 transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership  
31 account, the traumatic brain injury account, the tribal opioid  
32 prevention and treatment account, the University of Washington bond  
33 retirement fund, the University of Washington building account, the  
34 voluntary cleanup account, the volunteer firefighters' relief and  
35 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve  
36 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education  
37 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the  
38 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1  
39 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and  
40 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public

1 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school  
2 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the  
3 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State  
4 University building account, the Washington State University bond  
5 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration  
6 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western  
7 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated  
8 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan  
9 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated  
10 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from  
11 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal  
12 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the  
13 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund  
14 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

15 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts  
16 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury  
17 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury  
18 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall  
19 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's  
20 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

21 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
22 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated  
23 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

24 **Sec. 8.** RCW 70A.65.260 and 2023 c 475 s 939 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) The climate commitment account is created in the state  
27 treasury. The account must receive moneys distributed to the account  
28 from the climate investment account created in RCW 70A.65.250. Moneys  
29 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Projects,  
30 activities, and programs eligible for funding from the account must  
31 be physically located in Washington state and include, but are not  
32 limited to, the following:

33 (a) Implementing the working families' tax credit in RCW  
34 82.08.0206;

35 (b) Supplementing the growth management planning and  
36 environmental review fund established in RCW 36.70A.490 for the  
37 purpose of making grants or loans to local governments for the  
38 purposes set forth in RCW 43.21C.240, 43.21C.031, 36.70A.500, and  
39 36.70A.600, for costs associated with RCW 36.70A.610, and to cover

1 costs associated with the adoption of optional elements of  
2 comprehensive plans consistent with RCW 43.21C.420;

3 (c) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce and mitigate  
4 impacts from greenhouse gases and copollutants in overburdened  
5 communities, including strengthening the air quality monitoring  
6 network to measure, track, and better understand air pollution levels  
7 and trends and to inform the analysis, monitoring, and pollution  
8 reduction measures required in RCW 70A.65.020;

9 (d) Programs, activities, or projects that deploy renewable  
10 energy resources, such as solar and wind power, and projects to  
11 deploy distributed generation, energy storage, demand-side  
12 technologies and strategies, and other grid modernization projects;

13 (e) Programs, activities, or projects that increase the energy  
14 efficiency or reduce greenhouse gas emissions of industrial  
15 facilities including, but not limited to, proposals to implement  
16 combined heat and power, district energy, or on-site renewables, such  
17 as solar and wind power, to upgrade the energy efficiency of existing  
18 equipment, to reduce process emissions, and to switch to less  
19 emissions intensive fuel sources;

20 (f) Programs, activities, or projects that achieve energy  
21 efficiency or emissions reductions in the agricultural sector  
22 including:

23 (i) Fertilizer management;

24 (ii) Soil management;

25 (iii) Bioenergy;

26 (iv) Biofuels;

27 (v) Grants, rebates, and other financial incentives for  
28 agricultural harvesting equipment, heavy duty trucks, agricultural  
29 pump engines, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural  
30 operations;

31 (vi) Grants, loans, or any financial incentives to food  
32 processors to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas  
33 emissions;

34 (vii) Renewable energy projects;

35 (viii) Farmworker housing weatherization programs;

36 (ix) Dairy digester research and development;

37 (x) Alternative manure management; and

38 (xi) Eligible fund uses under RCW 89.08.615;

39 (g) Programs, activities, or projects that increase energy  
40 efficiency in new and existing buildings, or that promote low carbon

1 architecture, including use of newly emerging alternative building  
2 materials that result in a lower carbon footprint in the built  
3 environment over the life cycle of the building and component  
4 building materials;

5 (h) Programs, activities, or projects that promote the  
6 electrification and decarbonization of new and existing buildings,  
7 including residential, commercial, and industrial buildings;

8 (i) Programs, activities, or projects that improve energy  
9 efficiency, including district energy, and investments in market  
10 transformation of high efficiency electric appliances and equipment  
11 for space and water heating;

12 (j) Clean energy transition and assistance programs, activities,  
13 or projects that assist affected workers or people with lower incomes  
14 during the transition to a clean energy economy, or grow and expand  
15 clean manufacturing capacity in communities across Washington state  
16 including, but not limited to:

17 (i) Programs, activities, or projects that directly improve  
18 energy affordability and reduce the energy burden of people with  
19 lower incomes, as well as the higher transportation fuel burden of  
20 rural residents, such as bill assistance, energy efficiency, and  
21 weatherization programs;

22 (ii) Community renewable energy projects that allow qualifying  
23 participants to own or receive the benefits of those projects at  
24 reduced or no cost;

25 (iii) Programs, activities, or other worker-support projects for  
26 bargaining unit and nonsupervisory fossil fuel workers who are  
27 affected by the transition away from fossil fuels to a clean energy  
28 economy. Worker support may include, but is not limited to: (A) Full  
29 wage replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for  
30 every worker within five years of retirement; (B) full wage  
31 replacement, health benefits, and pension contributions for every  
32 worker with at least one year of service for each year of service up  
33 to five years of service; (C) wage insurance for up to five years for  
34 workers reemployed who have more than five years of service; (D) up  
35 to two years of retraining costs, including tuition and related  
36 costs, based on in-state community and technical college costs; (E)  
37 peer counseling services during transition; (F) employment placement  
38 services, prioritizing employment in the clean energy sector; and (G)  
39 relocation expenses;

1 (iv) Direct investment in workforce development, via technical  
2 education, community college, institutions of higher education,  
3 apprenticeships, and other programs including, but not limited to:

4 (A) Initiatives to develop a forest health workforce established  
5 under RCW 76.04.521; and

6 (B) Initiatives to develop new education programs, emerging  
7 fields, or jobs pertaining to the clean energy economy;

8 (v) Transportation, municipal service delivery, and technology  
9 investments that increase a community's capacity for clean  
10 manufacturing, with an emphasis on communities in greatest need of  
11 job creation and economic development and potential for commute  
12 reduction;

13 (k) Programs, activities, or projects that reduce emissions from  
14 landfills and waste-to-energy facilities through diversion of organic  
15 materials, methane capture or conversion strategies, installation of  
16 gas collection devices and gas control systems, monitoring and  
17 reporting of methane emissions, or other means, prioritizing funding  
18 needed for any activities by local governments to comply with chapter  
19 70A.540 RCW;

20 (l) Carbon dioxide removal projects, programs, and activities;  
21 ((and))

22 (m) Activities to support efforts to mitigate and adapt to the  
23 effects of climate change affecting Indian tribes, including capital  
24 investments in support of the relocation of Indian tribes located in  
25 areas at heightened risk due to anticipated sea level rise, flooding,  
26 or other disturbances caused by climate change. The legislature  
27 intends to dedicate at least \$50,000,000 per biennium from the  
28 account for purposes of this subsection; and

29 (n) Loans approved under section 2 of this act.

30 (2) Moneys in the account may not be used for projects or  
31 activities that would violate tribal treaty rights or result in  
32 significant long-term damage to critical habitat or ecological  
33 functions. Investments from this account must result in long-term  
34 environmental benefits and increased resilience to the impacts of  
35 climate change.

36 (3) During the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium, the legislature may  
37 appropriate moneys from the climate commitment account for activities  
38 related to environmental justice, including implementation of chapter  
39 314, Laws of 2021.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    This act may be known and cited as the  
2 clean energy fund act.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    Nothing in this act may be construed to  
4 create an entitlement to funding.

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**    Nothing in this act may be construed as  
6 displacing any other program that offers grants or loans and is  
7 administered by the state of Washington.

8        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**    Sections 2 through 5 and 9 through 11 of  
9 this act are each added to chapter 43.21F RCW.

10       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    Section 6 of this act expires July 1,  
11 2028.

12       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 14.**    Section 7 of this act takes effect July  
13 1, 2028.

14       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 15.**    Sections 1 through 6 and 8 through 11 of  
15 this act are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
16 peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its  
17 existing public institutions, and take effect July 1, 2025.

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