



Seattle City Light 2013 State & Federal Legislation

Briefing to Energy & Environment Committee
April 23, 2013



City Adopted 2013 State Agenda

Sustainability and Environmental Protection

Seattle supports the Energy Independence Act (RCW 19.285) which was passed by the voters as I-937 in 2006. Seattle City Light has met its renewable and conservation targets and anticipates continuing to in the future. We support changes to the Act that would provide greater flexibility for utilities to meet their targets, such as the ability to roll over excess conservation into the next biennium but without undermining the initiative.

We support incentives for investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy development and net-metering.



Energy Independence Act (I-937)

By The Numbers

- 18 Bills introduced
- 7 Bills passed out of chamber of origin
- 5 Bills passed out of committee
- 1 Bill has passed out of both chambers



What Are the Bills Still Alive?

- ❑ SB 5297: Allows “coal transition power” to be a part of off-ramp provisions
- ❑ HB 1154/5408: Clarifies definition of “non-power attributes”
- ❑ ESHB 1950: Designates certain hydroelectric generation as an eligible resource (includes BPA incremental hydro)
- ❑ SSB 5400: Allows PacifiCorp to count their renewable resources outside of BPA footprint



Seattle Supported Conservation Bill

ESSB 5438: Allow utilities to use excess conservation to meet a percentage of subsequent biennia targets.

- Introduced by: Senators Doug Ericksen and Maralyn Chase
- Passed out of Senate but did not pass out of House committee.
- Discussion will continue.



Energy Efficiency-Renewable Energy Development-Net Metering

Overview of Bills Introduced:

- SHB 1017: Appliance Standards (energy and water efficiency)
- HB 1106 : Net-Metering (Third-Party Ownership)
- HB 1105 and HB 1301: Community Solar/Renewable Energy Cost Recovery Program
- SB 5807: Utility Scale-Solar

Other Bills of Note

ESHB 1552: Regarding metal theft

- ❑ Increases licensing requirements for scrap metal dealers and penalties for theft
- ❑ Includes pre-emption language for local jurisdictions (cities/counties only can do what state specifically allows)
- ❑ *Bill in Senate Rules*

EHB 1826: Regarding Integrated Resource Plans

- ❑ Requires utilities to consider integration of renewable resources and overgeneration events in their plans
- ❑ Allows utilities to provide long term forecasts (20 years)

Budget Items to Watch

Remedial Action Grants (which helps fund Duwamish Clean Up)

Senate \$71.5 million

House \$62.5 million

Puget Sound Restoration and Salmon Recovery Grants

	Senate	House
Salmon Recovery Funding Board	\$75 m	\$75 m
Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration	\$10 m	\$10 m
Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration	\$60 m	\$70 m

Weatherization (Department of Commerce)

	Senate	House
Low-Income Weatherization	\$10 m	\$10m
Community Energy Efficiency Program		\$10m

Looking Ahead

- Department of Commerce updating Energy Independence Act rules
- Climate Legislative and Executive Work Group (E2SSB 5802)
 - Members are one member from each chamber and each caucus (with an alternate), and the Governor (or designee) who is non-voting
 - The Work Group will hire an independent consultant to evaluate approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions
 - The Energy Independence Act will be included in the review
- House Environment Committee will hold interim discussions regarding conservation and potentially broader subjects on the Energy Independence Act.



Seattle City Light's 2013 Federal Priorities

- Energy Policy –
 - Power Management Administration Modernization
(*Secretary Chu Memo*)
 - Hydro Power Improvement Act of 2013 (H.R. 269 & S.629)
 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Oversight
 - President's FY2014 Department of Energy Appropriations
(*Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy*)

Legislative continued

- Climate/Environmental
 - Protect EPA's authority regulate ghg emissions under the Clean Air Act
 - Monitor new bi-cameral Task Force on Climate Change
 - Climate Resilience
 - Carbon Pollution Fee/Tax Proposals
- Energy Efficiency
 - H.R. 6582 – American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act (passed and signed 12/2012)
 - S.1000/H.R. 1616 – To promote energy savings in residential and commercial buildings and industry, and for other purposes.
 - President's FY2014 Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
 - “Race to the Top” grants and awards initiative

Legislative continued

□ Tax & Finance

- President's FY2014 proposed “cap” on tax exempt interest from municipal bonds
- “Simpson-Bowles” Deficit Reduction Commission elimination of tax exempt municipal bonds & “market” verses “cost” rates for PMA customers
- House & Senate Tax Reform Process

□ Cyber Security

- President's Executive Order – Directs federal agencies to develop a Cyber Security Framework
- Legislative efforts – H.R. 624 - Cyber Intelligence Sharing & Protection Act

Federal Agency Issues

- Environmental Protection Agency
 - Defend Mercury and Air Toxics Standard (Utility MATS)
 - Continue support for rule-making on New Source Pollution Control Standards (NSPS) for new power plants
 - Monitor efforts to develop NSPS for existing power plants
- Department of Energy
 - PMA modernization efforts
 - LED Municipal Streetlight Consortium (in conjunction with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory)