

43rd District Democrats and Friends Environmental Caucus Meeting

November 9, 2020

Introduction

- NW Energy Coalition: public interest nonprofit in NW, advocating for clean, affordable, reliable, and equitable energy policy
- Shift Zero: Washington State alliance bringing together organizations and businesses collectively advocating for zero carbon building policies
- Regulation: energy code (city and state); rulemakings (Clean Buildings, CETA, appliances); UTC proceedings
- Legislation: state and some city
- Coalition Building



Next Steps on Seattle Energy Code

- **In sum: changes will increase efficiency of new construction, require more opportunities for solar, and transition away from most uses of fossil fuel**
- Code changes will go to Seattle Council, starting with the Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee
- Opportunities to Comment:
 - Beginning in December: Council committee meetings and full council meetings
 - Written Comment – email your councilmembers: Starting now!
 - More information and resources to follow

Upcoming Advocacy: State Energy Strategy

- Directed by 2019 legislation
- What's is needed to meet state's decarbonization goals?
- Transportation, Buildings, Industry, Electricity Policies
- Draft available and public comment taken between now and December 7, when there is a formal public hearing (first public input: November 12)

Upcoming State Legislative Session

- Begins January 11
- Almost all virtual
- “Long” Session - need to pass capital and operating budgets
- Post-election: margins have not radically changed
- Some building related bill concepts floating around, but many competing priorities



Upcoming Webinar

- Expanding Access to Energy Efficiency Financing
- November 16, 1-2:30p

<https://nwenergy.org/news/events/webinar-expanding-access-to-energy-efficiency-financing-tools-and-programs/>