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# GP-10: State Legislative Update

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# Guiding Principle 10



- **Adopted September 9, 2020**
- **Purpose: “Tacoma Public Utilities is committed to building and strengthening respectful and mutually-productive relationships with tribal, federal, state, and other local units of government...”**
- **Citywide advocacy coordination**

# Presentation Overview



- **Policy bills**
- **Budget items**
- **Initiatives**
- **Interim issues**
- **Next steps**

- **Tacoma Water**
  - Dig Law
  - Housing bills
- **Tacoma Rail**
  - Maintenance/preservation tax credit
- **Tacoma Power**
  - Solar consumer protections, HB 2156
  - Zero-Emission School Buses, HB 1368
  - PSE decarbonization, HB 1589
  - CCA-related bills
    - Carbon market linkage, SB 6068
    - B&O/PUT exemptions, HB 2199

- Tacoma Power's Grid Modernization Project
  - \$2,875,000
- TPU Zero-Emission Medium-Duty Utility Vehicle Pilot Project
  - \$1,725,000
- Tacoma Power's Pumped Storage Study
  - \$350,000
- CCA Low/Moderate Income Energy Bill Credits
  - \$150 million statewide
- Studies
  - Low-Income Water Utility Customers
  - Value of Solar
  - Municipal Water Conservation

# Budget items (continued)



- Local Gov Federal Grant Support, \$4.5m
- Assistance for Federal Tax Credits, \$5m
- Energy, Climate, and Clean Tech Grant Website, \$2.5m
- Clean Energy Ambassadors Program, \$3m
- Community Solar Grants, \$6m
- Community Solar Resilience Hub Grants, \$38m
- Green Jobs and Infrastructure Grants, \$21m
- Clean Energy Community Grants, \$42m

- **6 Initiatives to the Legislature**
  - 3 passed into law
  - 3 will be on the November ballot
- **Initiative 2117 would repeal the Climate Commitment Act**
  - Projects
    - Electric locomotives
    - ZE utility vehicle pilot
    - Pumped storage
    - Grid mod funding
  - Grant opportunities
  - Utility no-cost Allowances



- **Power**
  - No cost allowance adjustment mechanism
  - Solar policy
- **Water**
  - Upper Green River watershed acquisition
- **Rail**
  - Tax credit bill
- **TPU-Wide**
  - Statewide low-income benefits
  - Dig law



# Next steps



- Engage with local delegation members and other policymakers on promoting ongoing priorities and identifying future priorities
- Implement energy bill credit program
- Identify new grant opportunities
- Elections and legislator retirements

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