



Supporting our Economy

Working to ensure that the state's economy stays healthy and vibrant by expanding opportunity, streamlining investments, and securing the future

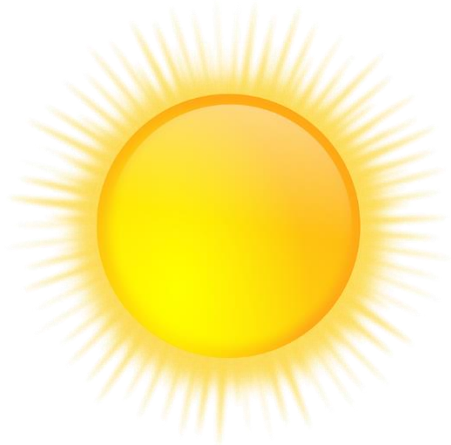
Fighting the war on cancer

Life science and cancer Research / HB 2679 – This bill helps streamline distribution of cancer research dollars by taking advantage of the institutional experience of the Life Sciences Discovery Fund. The Fund, which has many years of experience in grant management and a proven track record of return on investment, is the prime candidate for this task. By utilizing the distributive infrastructure of the Fund, we can be sure that grant dollars get into the hands of researchers faster, leading to more breakthroughs sooner.

Promoting sustainable, renewable energy

Renewable energy tax incentives / HB 2346 – This bill would extend the solar tax incentives to ensure that those who already have made these environmentally important home upgrades, as well as those considering them, are able to absorb the additional costs of installation. In addition to the environmental benefits, this bill helps encourage the growing solar industry in our state.

Electric Vehicle Tax Credits / HB 2778 – This bill aims to help moderate income families afford climate-friendly electric vehicles by providing a tax break for electric vehicles under \$37,000. Car emissions are the largest component of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington and electric vehicles can make a real contribution to lowering carbon dioxide emissions.



Turning lives around

Certificate of Restoration of Opportunity (CROP) / HB 1553 – In current law, individuals with a felony conviction are barred from obtaining over 90 professional licenses even once they've completed their sentences. This bill would establish a certificate, grantable by a superior court judge, that attests to the offender's rehabilitation. This bill helps former offenders become productive members of their communities and it provides employers confidence in offering former offenders the chance to rebuild their lives.

Boosting economic opportunities

Encouraging the arts in our local communities through creative districts / HB 2583 – This bill would create a state-certified "creative district" program that would incentivize local communities to use arts venues, businesses, and activities to create or enhance economic opportunities. Creative districts would be appealing places to live, visit, and conduct business, which in turn enhances the economic and civic vitality of a community. Many communities have capitalized on creative areas – museums, theaters, and neighborhood arts facilities – and could use a "creative district" designation to harness additional activity.