



Bringing the Benefits of Clean Energy to Local Communities

THE CHALLENGE

As the clean energy industry grows, local communities need help to avoid missed opportunities and realize important local benefits.

THE ENERGY FACILITY SITING EVALUATION COUNCIL (EFSEC)



The Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council (EFSEC) has siting authority over many clean energy projects located across the state. When construction and operations begin, EFSEC prefers to work with local government service providers when possible. Many local governments want to partner with EFSEC to provide needed services and receive operating revenue. Added operating revenue keeps costs lower for local taxpayers. However, while EFSEC enjoys critical legal protections from local development requirements when siting and permitting clean energy projects, local government agencies do not and may face liability risks if they provide services.

THE FIX

Provide local governments with liability protection when partnering with EFSEC.

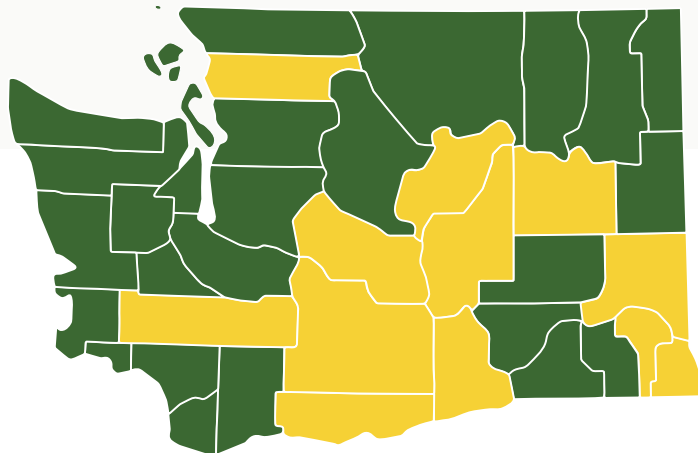
SB 5317 would amend state law to afford local governments the same protection EFSEC enjoys when siting and permitting clean energy projects that may not fully comply with state and local development requirements. This is a simple change that would address local government agency liability concerns and encourage state and local partnerships for efficient clean energy project development.

Vote Yes!
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SB 5317



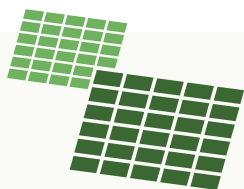


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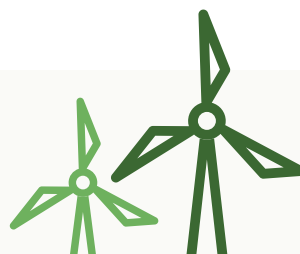


Counties where new clean energy projects are being proposed:

Asotin, Benton, Douglas, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Skagit, Whitman and Yakima



WA SOLAR ENERGY



WA WIND ENERGY

There are 8 utility-scale solar projects under EFSEC review or under construction.

All in Eastern WA

1,640 MW

Solar project growth over the next 5 years

727 MW

Solar installed

22 WIND ENERGY FACILITIES
2 Western | 20 Eastern

3,069 MW

Installed capacity

+

ONSHORE

Wind Energy Potential
18,000 MW

600 MW

Under construction

Total Wind Energy Generation Potential

174,000 MW

Power need will increase **97% by 2050**

