

SOLAR POWER INCENTIVE BILL LOBBYING OPPORTUNITY **HB 1048 / SB 5499**
Washington State Senate Energy, Environment, and Telecommunications Committee 2017

BACKGROUND

THE USE OF SOLAR PANELS HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN WA UNDER THE EXISTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM. THE SOLAR POWER INDUSTRY IS GROWING APACE AND PROVIDES GOOD JOBS FOR INSTALLERS, DESIGNERS, AND SERVICERS, THE POWER PRODUCED IS TOTALLY RENEWABLE. PRICES ARE DROPPING EVERY YEAR.

ALL THIS PROGRESS IS AT RISK. CUSTOMERS ARE RELUCTANT TO PLACE ORDERS BECAUSE THE PRESENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM IS UNPREDICTABLE AND INCENTIVES WILL END ABRUPTLY WELL BEFORE MID-2020, WHEN THE CURRENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM SUNSETS.

HB 1048 /SB 5499 WILL REDESIGN THE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND EXTEND IT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. INCENTIVES ARE LOWERED, BUT ARE APPROPRIATE AND APPEALING.

WHEN **1048** PASSES THE HOUSE , THE SEATE WILL CONSIDER THE COMPANION, **5499**

THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MAY LET **SB 5499** TO DIE IN COMMITTEE, BUT HE MAY BE AMENABLE TO PERSUASION FROM HIS MEMBERS AND CONSTITUENTS. A DOZEN PHONE CALLS FROM CONSTITUENTS OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COULD HAVE A LARGE IMPACT.

THE BILL SHOULD BE IN COMMITTEE AFTER MARCH 27

Republican Caucus members			
Name	District #	Location	Olympia Office phone
Doug Ericson, Chair:	42	Whatcom County, N Bellingham	360-786-7682
Tim Sheldon, Vice-Ch Nominal Democrat	35	Shelton, Mason County South Thurston County	360-786-1999
Sharon Brown	8	Richland, Kenewick. Hanford region	360-786-7670
Jim Honeyford	15	East Yakima & rural	360-786-7684
Shelly Short	7	N of Spokane to Idaho & BC	360-786-7678
Democratic Caucus members			
Reuven Carlyle	36	W Seattle	360-786-7670
Steve Hobbs	44th	Westlake (N Seattle)	360-786-7686
Kevin Ranker	40th	Island County (San Juans)	360-786-7678
Lisa Wellman	41	Bellvue Mercer Island	360-786-7641

HOW TO USE THIS LIST TO ADVANCE HOUSE BILL 1048 / SB 5499

LOCATE AND REVIEW INFORMATION ON **HOUSE BILL 1048**.

http://www.solarwa.org/washington_solar_legislation

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CONTACT FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO LIVE IN THE DISTRICTS ABOVE, PARTICULARLY IN REPUBLICAN DISTRICTS. SEND THEM THIS FLYER IF YOU CHOOSE.

ASK YOUR CONTACTS TO URGE THEIR SENATOR TO SUPPORT **HB 1048 / SB 5499** AND TO ADVANCE IT TO THE FULL SENATE. **TAKE ACTION IN EARLY APRIL**

CALLS FROM CONSTITUENTS CARRY MORE WEIGHT THAN OUT-OF-DISTRICT CALLS.
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