

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Environmental Community

## SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL HOT LIST for the STATE SENATE

On behalf of the entire Environmental Community, please **SUPPORT the Conference Report on SB 5840**, the bill to amend I-937, the Clean Energy Initiative. We now have a bill we can support as long as the Sales Tax Exemption on Renewables (SB 6170) is extended as well. Together, they form the compromise agreement that we DO SUPPORT. We ask you to vote **YES** on both when they come over for a vote from the House later this evening.

Please support SB 6170, which encompasses the extension of the Sales Tax Exemption on Renewables for the following reasons:

- These credits are important for fighting climate change and growing the clean energy economy in Washington.
- These tax credits, along with the forward thinking climate and energy legislation passed by the Legislature over the last several years, have brought many renewable energy projects to our state. Just four of the wind projects developed in Washington over the last 5 years have resulted in \$996 million in new capital investment, between \$3.5 and \$4.0 million each year in local property tax revenues, almost 700 new construction jobs at peak construction times and 65 permanent family-wage jobs. This is economic development in mostly rural areas – the growing clean energy economy at work! All of these economic gains have come while at the same time reducing greenhouse gas emissions and powering our economy with non-carbon emitting resources.
- To fight global warming, to signal that Washington plans to be the leader in the clean energy economy and to increase the number of green jobs in the state, **we urge your support for extending these tax credits.**

After a long ugly session, we finally have a package agreement we can live with and support. Let's please get it done and go home. **It wasn't easy, but with the strong help of Senate leadership, we finally got there!**

Respectfully,

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### Contributing Organizations

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