

# BUILDING A CLEANER FUTURE FOR WASHINGTON

YES ON I-1631



Washington state has a historic opportunity to pass Initiative 1631 which would create the nation's first fee on carbon pollution. Washington state has led on minimum wage, marriage equality, and marijuana legalization resulting in national shifts in support of these progressive issues. When voters approve I-1631 in November, Washington state will spur national action on climate.

**We are on the right side of history.** Standing behind this initiative is the largest, most diverse coalition Washington state has ever seen. The opposition is entirely funded by multi-national oil companies who are fighting to prioritize their record profits over our communities' health and the legacy we leave for future generations.

## WHO SUPPORTS I-1631?

The largest initiative coalition in Washington state history has come together to ensure clean air and clean water for everyone in Washington.

The coalition is made up of hundreds of organizations of labor unions, communities of color, environmental and clean energy advocates, health professionals, businesses, faith organizations, tribal nations, young people, and more.

## WHAT DOES I-1631 DO?

I-1631 will create a fee on pollution that will be levied on large emitters based on the carbon content of fossil fuels and electricity. The pollution fee starting at \$15/metric ton on carbon emissions starting January 1, 2020. The fee will generate \$1 billion a year to be reinvested in proven solutions that will reduce 20 million tons of pollution a year. We know with this initiative, we can protect our health, build new good paying jobs, and ensure a cleaner future for the next generation.

## THE PATH TO WIN IN NOVEMBER

The key to our success is a broad and ever-growing coalition of partners who worked to collect over 375,000 signatures to ensure I-1631 will appear on the November ballot. Our latest polling by Lake Research Partners finds that **63% of Washington voters would vote yes**, including 43% who say they would vote yes strongly. Yes on 1631 will require a strong and well resourced campaign to defeat big oil.



**BIG OIL WILL SPEND MILLIONS TO TRY TO DEFEAT I-1631**



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POLICY BRIEF ON I-1631

## WHAT DOES I-1631 INVEST IN?

70% to new clean energy infrastructure

- ✓ Clean energy like solar, wind, and other renewable energy
- ✓ Cleaner transportation options like public transit, cleaner fuels, and rural broadband so more people have the option to drive less
- ✓ Efficiency upgrades for homes and businesses to use less energy and save residents and customers money on their utility bills

25% to clean water and healthy forests

- ✓ Ensure our forests are healthy, more resilient to disease, and can protect our air quality
- ✓ Prevent and clean up pollution from our rivers and lakes to keep communities healthy
- ✓ Increase sustainable supply of drinking water, reduce risks from flood and drought, and ensure cooler, cleaner water for fish

5% to investments in local communities

- ✓ Prepare for future challenges caused by pollution and a changing climate
- ✓ Ensure that the impacts do not disproportionately harm our most vulnerable communities

## ENSURING THIS IS A PLAN FOR EVERYONE

- At least 35% of all investments will benefit communities hardest hit by pollution and poverty - because the neighborhood you live in shouldn't determine whether you have clean air to breathe and healthy water to drink
- A minimum of 15% of all clean energy investments will assist people with lower incomes in both urban and rural communities transition to a clean energy economy
- Ensures workers in the fossil fuel industry affected by the transition have an opportunity to maintain their quality of life, build skills, and attain family-wage jobs
- Gives flexibility for energy-intensive and trade exposed businesses in Washington to create and sustain jobs in our state and enable efficient industries to thrive
- Federally recognized tribes must be consulted on any projects affecting their tribal lands and 10% of investments must have formal support from a tribal government

## ACCOUNTABILITY BUILT INTO THE INITIATIVE

All investments are overseen by a public board made up of experts in science, business, health, and trusted community leaders, so that big energy companies and special interests aren't making decisions about our future. Local businesses and community based organizations will partner to kick-start projects that are proven to reduce pollution, benefit diverse communities, and create good-paying jobs across the state. The investments are regularly evaluated to assess whether Washington is meeting state goals to reduce pollution, targeting those communities who need it most, and transitioning to clean energy.

**Together we can take a powerful step forward and protect clean air and healthy drinking water for everyone in our state.**

## GET INVOLVED TODAY!



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