

Message Points

Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup

Fast facts:

- Two days of China's carbon emissions equal Washington's total yearly output.
- Washington is responsible for just 3/10ths of 1% of the world's carbon emissions.
- 70% of our state's electricity mix is made up of carbon-free, renewable hydropower.

What others are saying:

- "Saying that Northwest residents should pay market prices for hydro-electric power is akin to saying we should pay as much for apples as someone in Wyoming." – *Editorial, The Columbian (10/29/13)*
- "A worthy package of good intentions and a status update. Otherwise, not that much at this point." – *Editorial, Seattle Times, on Gov. Inslee signing the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy (10/31/13)*
- "We can't 'cap' carbon in Washington and 'trade' Boeing to South Carolina." – *Sen. Doug Ericksen, member of CLEW*

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"With House Republicans at the table, we will finally be able to attach a dollar amount to each climate change proposal..."

- While Democrats and extreme environmentalists love to lecture us on climate change, no substantive work has been done to quantify the costs and benefits of their proposed policies and how they will financially impact families, employers and those looking for work.
- House Republicans care about the environment but believe proposed policies such as a carbon tax, cap-and-trade, and low carbon fuel standard cannot be made in a vacuum. We know families and small businesses have increased costs from Obamacare, increased wage costs, workers' compensation rates and possibly increased gas taxes. This uncertainty hurts our economy.
- Any list of actions to reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions MUST include a tangible dollar amount. What will this policy cost the average family in our state? What impact will this policy have on employers around the state? What impact will this policy have on our state and local economies? Without answers to these questions, the governor and the Legislature should not act.

"Gov. Inslee's signing of the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy undermines the bipartisan efforts of the Climate Legislative and Executive Workgroup ..."

- We understand the governor is very passionate about this issue. However, we cannot let his passion write a blank check, committing state taxpayers to future unnecessary, uneconomical and unproven environmental schemes.
- Gregoire tried to cobble together something similar with the Western Climate Initiative and it failed – miserably – because it threatened middle-class families.
- Much like his \$1.3 billion tax-increase proposal earlier this year, this idea is bad for our economy, employers and those looking for work, and does NOT have broad, bipartisan support.

"Executive decree does not represent or serve the majority of Washington citizens..."

- Gov. Inslee continues to bring Washington DC-style politics to this Washington with his "it's my way or the highway" approach.
- With the governor choosing this "go it alone" strategy, it makes us wonder about his commitment to the CLEW process in the first place. Is he afraid of publicly revealing the costs of his proposals?
- It seems the governor cares more about his reputation as the "green governor," his book sales and his Showtime special than about cost-effective solutions.