



MNCJ Legislative Priorities

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Criteria for Selection



- Supports the MNCJ in achieving its mission.
- Supported by other organizations.
- Supports achieving the City of Bellingham's carbon emissions reduction goals.
- Anyone in the MNCJ is knowledgeable and passionate about, and who is willing to track and send out action alerts.
- Not too many, not too few (~ five pieces of legislation).



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Bills supported by or on priority list of EM/WAIPL:

- **HB 1181 & SB 5203: Planning for a Climate Friendly Future through the Growth Management Act (GMA)**
- **SB 5651: Equity and Environmental Justice in the GMA**
- **HB 1329 & SB 5366: Preventing Utility Disconnections During Periods of High Heat**

Bills not on the priority list of other organizations:

- **HB 1427: Extends and Updates Net Metering Policy**
- **HB 1509: Fair Access to Community Solar**



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Status and Updates as of Monday, 2/27



Bills supported by or on priority list of EM/WAIPPL:

- ~~HB 1181 & SB 5203~~: Planning for a Climate Friendly Future through the (GMA) - **in Rules Committee**
- ~~SB 5651: Equity and Env. Justice in the GMA-~~ **died in Senate Ways and Means**
 - POSSIBLY to be replaced by HB 1789: Using DNR forests to sequester carbon and provide revenue – **in Rules Committee**
- HB 1329 & SB 5366: Preventing Utility Disconnections - **in Rules Committees**

Bills not on the priority list of other organizations:

- HB 1427: Extends and Updates Net Metering Policy - **in Rules Committee**
- ~~HB 1509: Fair Access to Community Solar~~ - **died in Committee on Env. & Energy**
 - Replaced by HB 1391: Energy Upgrade Navigator Program – **in Rules Committee**



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Action Alerts



Bills supported by or on priority list of EM/WAIP: **action alerts forwarded each Monday**

- **HB 1181 & SB 5203: Planning for a Climate Friendly Future through the (GMA)**
- **HB 1329 & SB 5366: Preventing Utility Disconnections**

Bills not on the priority list of other organizations: **action alerts sent out as needed**

- **HB 1427: Extends and Updates Net Metering Policy**
- **HB 1391: Energy Upgrade Navigator Program**
- **HB 1789: Using Forests to Sequester Carbon and Provide Revenue (possibly)**



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Current Actions to Take



1. If you live in the 40th legislative district - advocate for scheduling these bills for a vote by contacting Representatives [Ramel](#) and [Lekanoff](#).
2. **EVERYONE:** [Contact your representatives](#) and ask them to vote for these bills when they come up for a vote.

See details in today's **ACTION ALERT** email.



Resources to Support Your Actions on mncj.org



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Faithful Advocacy

Faithful Advocacy is faith in action:

This means speaking up for systemic environmental justice based on our faith traditions' values. Through these actions we co-create a just and loving society in harmony with nature.

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Faithful Advocacy and the 2023 WA Legislative Session

MNCJ's Mission Statement

Rooted in our spiritual and moral responsibility to protect the Earth, our common home, we engage the faith and wisdom traditions to respond to the many environmental and social impacts of the climate crises.

Holding this mission in our hearts and minds, the Policy and Legislation Subcommittee created this document to support and guide you in responding to the climate crisis through faithful advocacy.

Faithful Advocacy
(Key ideas from Jessica Zimmerle's* 2023 training on Faithful Advocacy)

***Faithful Advocacy is faith in action.** This means speaking up for systemic environmental justice based on your faith traditions' values. Through these actions we co-create a just and loving society in harmony with nature.*

Attributes of Faithful Advocacy:

Values-based	Builds Bridges	Supported by Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart centered Seeks justice and equity Hopeful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue and collaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amplifies and sustains

Faithful Advocacy is Storytelling!

Who are you?	What do you value?	What do you want?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal connection Communal identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect to your lived experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big picture Specific ask to get there

Faithful Advocacy resources from Earth Ministry/WA Interfaith Power and Light (EM/WAIPL)

[Recording of Jessica Zimmerle's 2023 Faithful Advocacy Training](#)

[Faithful Advocacy Information Sheets](#)

[WA State Legislative Advocacy Tools](#)

*Jessica Zimmerle was EM/WAIPL's Advocacy Director for the past 10 years.



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Interested in helping out?
Have questions or ideas you would like to share?
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