

THE POWER OUTLET

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***A monthly update about
electric vehicle activities
around the State of
Washington***

Drive Electric Washington is a collaboration of groups throughout the State of Washington working together to accelerate the adoption of plug-in electric vehicles. The all-volunteer non-profit was founded by electric vehicle advocates in 2017 and now is focusing on outreach to volunteer electric transportation advocates across the state to coordinate and share efforts among groups. We would like to invite you to join this effort and keep informed by contributing to and sharing this free monthly newsletter.

DEWA has a [Facebook](#) page, too! Please like and follow us for up-to-the-minute updates.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM DEWA!



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BOARD UPDATE

Advisory Council – The DEWA Board is pleased to welcome two new members to the Advisory Council. Representing public utilities are Heather Pauley of the Kitsap Public Utility District, and Jeff Randall of the Jefferson Public Utility District. Drive Electric Washington continues to seek new Advisory Council members to provide a broad representation of electric vehicle owners and industry across the state. Please submit your application if you are interested in this opportunity. The DEWA Advisory Council meets quarterly and serves as a sounding board to the Board of Directors. As an Advisory Council member, you may be contacted by the Board of Directors to provide input as we engage with legislators, state and local agencies, and the general public. We may ask you to participate in our speakers’ bureau or provide information on a local level. If you have experience or interest in transportation electrification, please consider applying for this important role in our organization. Apply with this [online form](#). The next Advisory Council meeting will be in January.

POLICY UPDATES



2022 EV Incentives - The 2022 Washington legislative session open on Jan. 10 and already has several electric vehicle policy issues to consider. The most significant proposal so far is Governor Inslee’s 2022 Policy and Budget plan, which makes big investments in clean transportation, among them:

- Provides \$100 million a year for point-of-sale rebates for EVs with an MSRP under \$55,000 for sedans and \$80,000 for vans, SUVs and pickup trucks.
- Rebates available to people who earn under \$250,000 per year as a single-tax filer, or under \$500,000 as joint filers.

- Provides a \$7,500 rebate for new all-electric and fuel cell vehicles, \$5,000 for used ones, and \$1,000 for zero-emission motorcycles and e-bikes.
- People with incomes below \$61,000 (60 percent of state median income) would get an additional \$5,000 rebate for a new or used EV.
Provides \$4.2 million to develop implementation plans to transition state fleets to zero-emission vehicles, build out electric vehicle charging infrastructure, maintain chargers, and manage the program.
- Provides \$324 million in new support from the General Fund for ferry electrification projects.
- Provides \$33 million in additional capital and planning grants to help transit agencies shift to alternative fuel buses
- Includes \$29 million in additional funding to support EV charging infrastructure, education, outreach, and EV adoption
- Allocates \$4 million in bonds to support the Mount Vernon Library Commons Project, which includes 75 EV charging stations along I-5

HB1644, Clean Student Transportation Vehicles - The bill specifies that the transportation vehicle fund can also be used to complete a feasibility plan to transition from gas or diesel student transportation vehicles to electric or alternative fuel ones; and for the purchase, installation, and repair of charging and fueling stations for those, as well as other costs necessary for station installation. Sponsored by Rep. Senn and Rep. Ybarra. [Read text here.](#)

SB5543, Clean Landscaping Equipment - The bill would establish a cash-for-clunkers pilot exchange program providing rebates for new all-electric landscaping equipment, if funds are appropriated for that purpose. The program would cover edgers, trimmers, chainsaws, and pole saws; leaf blowers and vacuums; walk-behind mowers; ride-on or stand-ride mowers; additional batteries and chargers; and any other equipment approved by the Department of Ecology. Residents who turned in any operable gasoline or diesel landscaping equipment to be scrapped would be eligible for one rebate of \$100 on any new piece of all electric equipment costing up to \$300 including tax, or a rebate of \$200 on a more expensive piece. Commercial landscapers could turn in up to three pieces and get up to three rebates. Sponsored by Sen. Carlyse. [Read text here.](#)

CHARGING NEWS

Comment on Federal EV infrastructure – The Federal Highway Administration is seeking comments to their Request for Information regarding the Guidance for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Deployment: [Federal Register :: Development of Guidance for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Deployment.](#)

Pierce County Residential Charging – Pierce County recently updated its building code to add an EV charging requirement for all new construction. For each dwelling unit that includes off-street parking, at least one parking space will need to be EV-ready.

The new construction will be required to include a minimum 40-amp 208/240-volt electric supply line to the parking space as well as the EV supply equipment, or charging station. This new requirement applies to single-family homes and duplex dwellings.

CLUB NEWS

Please share your club news as well as your personal journey into the world of electric driving, along with photos. DEWA would like to spotlight profiles of EV pioneers on our website and social media, as well as sharing in our newsletter. Please send your stories and photos to greamer@driveelectricwa.org.

DONATE

End-of-Year Giving: Please support DEWA and its outreach and advocacy activities with a donation. DEWA has very few expenses, but web hosting and e-mail services do require a small budget. Although the organization is not set up to take cash donations online yet, you can support the work of Drive Electric Washington with an in-kind donation or with your purchases through Amazon Smile. Just go to smile.amazon.com, log into your Amazon account and choose Drive Electric Washington as your charity. When you order online, 0.5 percent of the purchase price will go to Drive Electric Washington! You also can make a direct donation as part of your end-of-year giving by mailing a check to DEWA Treasurer, 6021 32nd Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. All of your donations are tax deductible. DEWA is a non-profit organization under 501(c)3.

RESOURCES

DEWA aims to maintain a comprehensive list of the EV advocacy efforts ongoing in Washington, so we count on you to keep our lists and our website updated with the most current information. Following are the organizations and efforts we have compiled so far in Washington that have a presence online and on social media:

Websites:

- Seattle Electric Vehicle Association - SeattleEVA.org
- Plug-In America - PlugInAmerica.org
- Electric Auto Association - ElectricAuto.org
- Forth - ForthMobility.org
- Plugshare - Plugshare.com
- National Drive Electric Week - DriveElectricWeek.org

- Drive Electric Earth Day - DriveElectricEarthDay.org
- Plug In North Central Washington - PlugInNCW.com
- Coltura – Coltura.org
- Thurston Climate Action Team - ThurstonClimateAction.org
- Tesla Owners of Washington - TeslaOwnersWA.org

Social Media:

- [Northwest Tesla Owners](#)
- [Seattle Nissan Leaf Owners](#)
- [Seattle Tesla Model 3 Owners](#)
- [Seattle Electric Vehicle Association](#)
- [Seattle Tesla Model Y Owners](#)
- [Pierce County Electric Vehicle Information Exchange](#)
- [Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Tesla Club](#)
- [Inland NW Tesla Owners Group](#)
- [PNW Tesla](#)
- [Central Washington University EV Club](#)
- [Seattle Chevy Bolt/Bolt EUV Owners](#)
- [San Juan Islands Electric Vehicles](#)
- [Mid-Columbia Electric Vehicle Association](#)

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