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CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT (CETA)

BIENNIAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

We are conducting various engagement activities to understand the data, barriers to access, needs and possible solutions to serve Washington residents with energy assistance.

Activities include:

- Online workshop for public
- Online community conversation
- Opportunity to review data electronically
- Online platforms to comment on data

Participants will help frame and guide the development of the 2023 Biennial Energy Assistance Report. See all of the details of this report development with important timelines and opportunities to participate at: [Energy Assistance \(CETA\)](#)

RCW 19.405.120

[RCW 19.405.120](#) states that it is the intent of the Washington State Legislature to demonstrate progress toward making energy assistance funds available to low-income households. It requires utilities to make programs and funding available for energy assistance to low-income households. Each utility must demonstrate progress in providing energy assistance pursuant to an assessment and plans developed under the statute.

Commerce is required to collect and roll-up data estimating the energy cost burden, energy assistance need and reported energy assistance for each electric utility, in order to improve agency and utility efforts to serve low-income households. In addition, the statute requires a biennial report to the Legislature that includes:

- A statewide summary of energy assistance programs, energy cost burden, and energy assistance need
- A summary of energy assistance funding levels
- An evaluation the effectiveness of additional mechanisms for energy assistance and mechanisms to prioritize energy assistance towards low-income households with a higher energy burden

Contact us for more information
or to talk 1-1:

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We want to hear from you!

Please join us for a virtual
conversation

Energy Assistance Report Outline Workshop

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022 @ 1-4pm
click here to join [Zoom meeting \(link\)](#)

Draft Report Workshop

Tuesday, Aug 30, 2022 @ 1-4pm
click here to join [Zoom meeting \(link\)](#)

Draft Report Comment Deadline

Friday, Sept 16, 2022

2nd Draft Report Workshop

Tuesday, Sept 27, 2022 @ 1-4pm
click here to join [Zoom meeting \(link\)](#)

2nd Draft Report Comment Deadline

Friday, Oct 14, 2022

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