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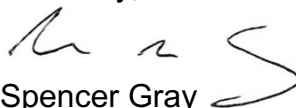
Comments of the Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition in support of House Bill 1988

The Northwest & Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC) submits these comments in support of HB 1988, as amended by the House Committee on Finance on February 17. NIPPC represents competitive power participants in the Pacific Northwest. NIPPC members include owners, operators, and developers of independent power generation and storage, power marketers, and affiliated companies. Collectively, NIPPC represents over 4,500 megawatts of operating generation and an equal amount permitted or under development. This includes much of the clean energy that now serves Washington consumers and the new projects that will be built to meet the state's clean energy objectives.

Given the emergence of new electric generating technology and the importance of storage resources to enable a deeply decarbonized electric power system, NIPPC supports building on the policy adopted in the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) of 2019 to provide tax benefits for investments in these technologies. CETA does not include storage technology on the list of eligible equipment for the tax abatement in the law. By establishing a sales and use tax deferral program for storage equipment, clean fuels technology (including "green" hydrogen), and clean energy manufacturing equipment, with an additional graduated percentage of tax reduction that closely resembles the standards in CETA, HB 1988 will appropriately ensure that a more diverse set of clean energy technology benefits from state tax incentives.

NIPPC urges the legislature to pass this bill.

Sincerely,



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