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From Don Steinke – CAG

To Nick Massie – CAG

Cc Jenna Kay

Re: the two concerns you raised last night

Hi Nick,

I've cc'd Jenna to correct me if I get it wrong.

1. If I remember correctly, you asked for clarification about a correlation.

Staff was saying there is a direct correlation between energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

What that means, is that if you decrease energy consumption 50% then you probably decreased emissions 50%, for example.

2. Re: Mandates. The legislature has mandated that we reduce emissions as part of the growth management planning process. That law, 1181 was passed in 2023. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/BillSummary/?BillNumber=1181&Year=2023&Initiative=false>

It took several years to get that bill passed.

In order to help counties do the work, the legislature directed the Department of Commerce to prepare a Guidance Document. As part of that work, Commerce prepared a list of suggestions for us to consider. That list is called a *Menu of Measures*.

Commerce also labeled *highest priority* suggestions.

I began to study that document in June of 2023. I invited the project coordinator (Sarah Fox of Vancouver) to speak to my team about that document in July of 2023.

The mandate is to reduce emissions. **How we do it is up to us.**

Jenna gave us a copy of the *Menu of Measures*.

The backstory

Around 2019, the legislature passed the Clean Energy Transformation Act which focused on electric utilities. It requires them to be Net zero emissions by 2030 and full zero by 2045.

In 2020, the legislature passed HB 2311 which says the State shall reduce emissions 45% below 1990 levels by 2030 and (if I remember correctly), to be net zero by 2050. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=2311&Year=2019&Initiative=false>

Then, I believe in 2021 or in 2022, the legislature created a way to provide subsidies for the clean energy projects. That's called The Climate Commitment Act.

I hope that helps.

Very respectfully,

Don Steinke