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## BULLETIN NO. 001 - 21 OSPI School Facilities & Organization

TO: School District Superintendents  
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RE: HB 1257 Clean Buildings Bill

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### HB 1257 – Clean Buildings Bill

In May 2019, the [Clean Buildings Bill](#) was signed into law with the intent of reducing pollution from fossil fuel consumption in existing buildings over fifty thousand gross square feet. This legislation applies to public school buildings over fifty thousand gross square feet and schools meeting the size criteria will be required to comply with new energy standards. The new energy standards have been developed by the Washington State Department of Commerce and include energy use intensity targets specific to building type. School buildings over fifty thousand gross square feet will be required to report compliance with the standard to the Department of Commerce along with documentation demonstrating energy use.

Compliance with energy performance standards will be phased in by building size according to the following schedule:

- June 1, 2026 for a building with more than 220,000 gross square feet;
- June 1, 2027 for a building with more than 90,000 gross square feet, but less than 220,001 gross square feet; and
- June 1, 2028 for a building with more than 50,000 gross square feet, but less than 90,001 gross square feet.

School buildings that do not comply with energy performance standards or reporting may be fined by the Department of Commerce. The penalty may not exceed \$5,000 plus an amount based on the duration of any continuing violation.

### Early Adopter Incentive

An early adopter incentive program is being developed by the Department of Commerce for public buildings interested in early compliance with energy performance standards. An eligible building owner who meets the established requirements will receive incentive payments if the energy standards are met.

The Department of Commerce is providing informational webinars regarding rulemaking, incentive development, and implementation of the standards. There is also an opportunity for comment from public school building owners regarding implementation of the energy performance standards. The next webinar will address incentive guidelines and will be Wednesday, January 13 from 10:00 to 11:30 am More information regarding the opportunity for public comment and webinar registration can be found at the [Clean Buildings website](#).

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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