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TO: School District Superintendents

School District Business Managers School District Facility Managers

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Clean Buildings Performance Standard Expansion Bill

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## **CLEAN BUILDINGS PERFORMANCE STANDARD EXPANSION**

On March 25, 2022, Governor Inslee signed the Clean Buildings expansion bill into law. The expansion applies to buildings between 20,000-50,000 square feet, adding a new second tier that includes multifamily buildings. The first phase of this law is not a performance standard. It will require reporting on benchmarking, energy management plans and operations and maintenance programs for Tier 2 buildings.

Reporting for this new tier is expected to begin July 1, 2027. The expansion bill also included an incentive program with an additional \$150 million available for Tier 2 buildings at a rate of .30 cents per square foot. The new law requires Department of Commerce (Commerce) to complete rulemaking by December 1, 2023.

Commerce will host a series of workshops to establish rules, reporting requirements, and the incentive program for Tier 2 buildings. The kick-off meeting will be a pre-rulemaking webinar, introducing the Clean Buildings Expansion and rulemaking basics. Commerce is hosting a **Pre-Rulemaking Webinar: Introduction to the Clean Buildings Expansion on April 13, 2023, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm PT.** Please register in advance to receive a calendar reminder or save the meeting information below.

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## Register for the Pre-Rulemaking Webinar

**Zoom Meeting link** 

Meeting ID: 858 2192 0472

Passcode: 183331

Future workshop schedules will be announced via the Clean Buildings Bulletin and our <u>webpage</u>. Visit the Clean Buildings webpage to subscribe to the bulletin.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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