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BULLETIN NO. 056-22 School Facilities

TO: School District Superintendents
School District Facility Managers

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Clean Buildings Bill Compliance

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CLEAN BUILDINGS COMPLIANCE GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS

The Clean Buildings Bill was signed into law in 2019 and requires all buildings greater than 50,000 gross square feet to comply with energy performance standards developed by the Department of Commerce (Commerce). Additionally, the Clean Buildings Bill was expanded in 2022 to include buildings greater than 20,000 square feet which will be required to report on benchmarking and energy management plans. Compliance with energy performance standards for buildings greater than 50,000 square feet will be phased in by building size as follows:

- June 1, 2026 for buildings more than 220,000 square feet
- June 1, 2027 for buildings more than 90,000 square feet
- June 1, 2028 for buildings more than 50,000 square feet

Commerce has published technical guidance specific to K-12 schools to address concerns related to submetering when a K-12 school campus is served by a single meter. The technical guidance on metering can be found on the [Commerce website](#). Commerce will be hosting a webinar to answer questions regarding Clean Buildings Bill compliance from K-12 schools on Wednesday, October 19th from 10-11 am. Please use this [link to register](#) for the webinar and submit any questions. Visit the [Clean Buildings program webpage](#) for additional information regarding the Clean Buildings Performance Standard.

BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION GRANT

Commerce is preparing to make \$9.7 million available under its Clean Energy Fund Building Electrification grant program. Grants will fund eligible projects that advance all electric buildings by deploying smart technologies to demonstrate grid-interactive efficient buildings or installing high-efficiency electric equipment to reduce the use of fossil equipment. Commerce anticipates opening the grant for applications in October 2022. Please visit the [Clean Energy Fund Electrification website](#) for more information on the program and to receive email updates on upcoming engagement opportunities.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Morgan Powell, High Performance Schools Coordinator, at 360-725-6269 or email morgan.powell@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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