

Look into the Facts About I-1631

I-1631's deeply flawed, unfair energy tax would force Washington families, small businesses and consumers to pay **billions in higher costs for gasoline, electricity, heating and natural gas** – while exempting many of our state's largest polluters, and providing little accountability for spending.

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\$2.3 Billion Energy Tax, Increases Every Year

A state analysis shows 1631's new energy tax would cost Washington families and consumers more than \$2.3 billion dollars in the first five years alone. Higher electricity and natural gas bills would add hundreds of millions more in increased consumer costs. And 1631's escalating taxes would automatically increase every year – with no cap.

Source: Fiscal Impact Summary of I-1631, Washington State Office of Fiscal Management, Rev. 8/24/2018

Largest Polluters Exempt

I-1631 exempts many of the state's largest manufacturers, businesses and polluters from paying the fee. In fact, 8 of the top 12 carbon emitters in the state, including a huge coal-fired power plant, an aluminum smelter and pulp and paper mills, as well as iron and steel mills, chemical manufacturers, aircraft manufacturers, and other large emitters would be exempt from paying the fee or any associated increases in their electric costs. So large corporations are protected, while consumers and small businesses pay billions under I-1631's new tax.

Source: Initiative I-1631, Sec. 9 (1) (e) (i); Washington Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, Reported Emissions for 2016, Washington State Dept. of Ecology

Consumers pay higher gas prices

Independent estimates show that I-1631 would increase gasoline prices for Washington consumers by up to 14 cents per gallon in the first year, with automatic increases every year. These increases would quadruple to 57 cents more per gallon within 15 years, with no limits on how high these costs could go. Washington already has the third highest gasoline prices in the nation and I-1631 would automatically increase our gas prices every year indefinitely.

Source: Initiative I-1631, Sec. 8 (3); U.S. Energy Information Administration CO2 Fuel Coefficients; AAA, State Gasoline Price Averages

Families and small businesses pay higher energy costs

In addition to gasoline price increases under I-1631, Washington families and small businesses would also face higher costs for heating fuel, natural gas and electricity. As a result, it is estimated that I-1631 would cost the average Washington household hundreds of dollars more per year, rising every year and especially hurting those who can least afford to pay more.

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No Clear Guidelines, No Specific Plan, No Accountability

I-1631 would create a new state bureaucracy involving 14 state agencies and costing an estimated \$27 million in the first five years alone. There would be no real accountability or meaningful oversight of the unelected board of political appointees in charge of spending the billions in taxpayer dollars collected under I-1631. I-1631 provides no specific plan, no clear guidelines and no requirements to spend funds on specifically reducing greenhouse gases.

Source: Initiative 1631, Sec. 5, 6; Washington State OFM, Fiscal Impact Study of I-1631, August 24, 2018

No Guarantee of Effectiveness, Little Likelihood of Reducing Greenhouse Gases

I-1631's deeply flawed approach to climate policy provides little hope of significantly reducing greenhouse gases or being effective at addressing climate change. It exempts our state's largest polluters, imposes a permanently escalating tax on Washington families and consumers, and disproportionately burdens those who can least afford it. Without clear guidelines or accountability for how its unelected board would spend billions in taxpayer dollars, I-1631 provides no assurances or likelihood of achieving significant reductions in greenhouse gases.

Please look into the facts before you vote.
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Join Our Coalition



Individual Member Form

I oppose Initiative 1631, the deeply flawed, unfair energy tax that would force Washington families, small businesses and consumers to pay billions more for gasoline, electricity, and natural gas, while providing no clear guidelines or accountability for how the money would be spent. Filled with unfair exemptions that make no sense, and with no specific plan for spending, I-1631 provides no guarantee of significantly reducing greenhouse gases. You may list me publicly as a member of NO on 1631.

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