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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Elizabeth Osborne

SUBJECT: Washington Energy and Climate Policies

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Representative Joe Fitzgibbon, House Majority Leader, Washington House of Representatives

Summary: Washington is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across the economy and to regional collaboration to capture economic opportunities in energy efficiency, clean power resources, and electrification. Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon will discuss some of the major pieces of legislation aimed at reducing emissions from the electric sector, transportation, buildings, and throughout the state's economy.

Background: Elected in 2010, Rep. Fitzgibbon chaired the House Environment and Energy Committee from 2014 to 2022. In 2022 he was elected House Majority Leader. Rep. Fitzgibbon has been the primary sponsor of many bills designed to reduce emissions and increase clean energy development and use, including to encourage clean energy siting, reduce emissions from transportation fuels, and require greater efficiency in appliances, and co-sponsored dozens more including the House version of the bill that created the state's Clean Energy Transformation Act.