

The Costs of I-2117 to Tribal Nations & Communities



I-2117 would cut investments in clean air and water, forests and farmlands, jobs and transportation across Washington State. It would also impose steep costs on Tribal Nations and communities, eliminating critical funding and shifting the full burden of additional pollution to Tribal Nations and overburdened communities.

I-2117 would repeal the Climate Commitment Act, which has already generated over \$2 billion for projects across the state, including projects led and supported by Tribal Nations. The Climate Commitment Act requires that no less than 35% of annual investments must provide direct and meaningful benefits to vulnerable populations in overburdened communities. The act also requires that not less than 10% of investments are supported by a Tribal resolution.

If passed, I-2117 would end a major source of funding for Tribal climate leadership and action, including:

- **Tribal Climate Adaptation & Capacity Grants:** I-2117 would eliminate the funding source for \$70 million per biennium in grants for tribes grappling with climate impacts, like protecting communities from sea level rise. That includes relocation of the Quinault Indian Nation's Queets Village and funding for the Coastal Hazards Assistance program. I-2117 would also jeopardize funding for wildland fire management training for Tribal communities and members.
- **Tribal Transit Mobility Grants and Transit Projects on Tribal Lands:** I-2117 threatens the funding for \$10 million in investments for Tribal Mobility Grants, and funding for initiatives like: the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Transit Program, Lummi Transit electric bus acquisition, the Spokane Tribe Moccasin Express, Snoqualmie Tribal Transit Program, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Transit Program, and Clallam Transit Rural Service, among many others. I-2117 would also threaten funding for \$5 million in Tribal grants for boat electrification.
- **Tribally-Led Clean Energy Projects:** I-2117 would drastically reduce funding for programs for Tribally-led clean energy projects. That includes \$20 million in clean energy funding for Yakama Solar, \$2.5 million for a Clean Energy Innovation Center at NW Indian College, and \$10 million for Tribal clean energy grants.

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- **Salmon Recovery:** The Climate Commitment Act also has added more than \$142 million to salmon recovery investments in the state's budget. I-2117 would eliminate funding for protecting endangered fish habitat and supporting salmon recovery across the state. That includes removing barriers that hurt migratory fish, like spawning salmon; and programs for salmon recovery and improving their habitat in lakes, rivers, and streams.
- **Reducing Health Disparities in Overburdened Communities:** The Climate Commitment Act has provided \$26.3 million for grants to Tribal Nations and overburdened communities to implement the Healthy Environment for All Act and update the Department of Health's environmental health disparities map. It also provides funding to support modernizing Tribal schools.

Tribal Nations Endorsing No on 2117



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