Solar Power Policies in WA

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Thank you to Solar Washington for hosting this summit!
Laws for Solar in Washington State

• Initiative I-937 allowed investments in solar power to count toward meeting our state’s renewable energy goals for electrical utilities

• Last session HB 1912 was introduced, but did not pass.
  • Reduced incentive per kilowatt hour for energy saved
  • Did not include consumer protection and warranties for people who installed solar panels at their home or business
How We Should Encourage Solar Power

• Make it easy and inexpensive for everyone to install solar panels, including small business owners and homeowners
  • Our state needs to provide incentives for this
• Investment in solar power should count toward meeting our state’s clean energy goals for utilities
• **Ensure consumers are protected** and can afford to buy and maintain solar, and that they have warranty if repair is needed
Requests to Improve Current Proposals

To improve the bill introduced last session, consumers and stakeholders requested:

- Solar participants should receive net metering credits
- Consumer protections must be in place
Consumer Protection

• Protect homeowners who lease solar panels if the company goes out of business or doesn’t provide upgrades or repairs
  • Solar costs and maintenance should be affordable for the average consumer
• Ensure that consumers are protected from unfair lending practices
• We need more incentives for utilities to promote and install solar with low capital requirements
Thank You!