

October 26, 2020
NW20-028

To: Northwest Council Representatives
From: Northwest Legislative & Public Affairs Committee
Subject: **PRE-SUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS:** Association with the Climate Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy

Background

The Climate Alliance for Jobs and Clean Energy is a Washington statewide coalition of environmental advocates, labor unions, health professionals, businesses, faith communities, and communities of color, working with tribal nations committed to building a resilient climate justice movement. This alliance believes in taking action on climate with a broad coalition that includes frontline communities and impacted workers, and policy solutions that combine deep carbon reductions with advances for workers, low-income communities, and communities of color who disproportionately bear the impacts of pollution and of the transition to clean energy.

By joining the Climate Alliance, all steering committee partners sign on to their policy principles and are committed to uplifting our policy principles in both policy work facilitated by the Climate Alliance, and ultimately more broadly in SPEEA's climate policy advocacy work.

The Climate Alliance wants climate justice solutions that create:

- Clean air, clean water, healthy food, and a healthy environment for all.
- Connected communities with affordable healthy housing and clean transportation for all.
- Livable wage jobs and workers' right to organize for a safe, healthy and just work environment for all.
- Resilient and thriving communities, fisheries, farmlands, and waterways for all.

Some of the members of the Climate Alliance Steering Committee include:

- Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Teamsters 117
- UFCW 21
- UAW 4121
- SEIU 775 / 119NW
- Blue Green Alliance

Associating with the Climate Alliance is in line with other approved SPEEA associations, like the Washington Blue Green Alliance, and is consistent with past policy positions on combating climate change and strengthening the clean energy economy. Past council motions include:

- **M07-045 – New Energy Future:** It is moved that the SPEEA Council supports the creation of new jobs, new energy and new independence by promoting a domestic sustainable clean energy sector.

For more information:

<https://WAclimatealliance.org/>

Motion: It is moved that: **THE NORTHWEST COUNCIL APPROVES AN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CLIMATE ALLIANCE FOR JOBS AND CLEAN ENERGY.**