Washington State Electric Vehicle Battery Management Study

The Washington State Department of Ecology is soliciting stakeholder input in the development of recommendations for the collection and management of Electric Vehicle (EV) batteries pursuant to Engrossed Second Substitute Bill 5144, Section 17. To develop recommendations, we are reaching out to automotive wrecking and salvage yards, auction yards, solid waste collection and processing companies, local governments, environmental organizations, electric vehicle manufacturers, dealerships, and any other interested parties through interviews, a survey, and a series of webinars.

We will build a greater understanding of the current practices for collecting and managing EV batteries in Washington state, as well as barriers and opportunities to collecting and managing EV batteries. This will inform a preliminary report to the legislature that will be submitted by November 30, 2023, and a final report to the legislature that will be submitted by April 30, 2023. Below we include an overview of different opportunities for stakeholder participation, as well as key dates.

If you know of stakeholders who may be interested in providing information on EV battery management or sharing their priorities to be reflected in recommendations for the collection and management of EV Batteries, please share this information with interested parties.

Survey

A survey focused on EV battery policy feedback and information gathering is open for responses. The deadline to provide input for inclusion in the preliminary legislative report will be September 29, 2023. We recognize that this is a short timeline, and feedback received by September 29, 2023 will be taken into consideration for the preliminary report. The survey will remain open, and responses received by January 31, 2024, will be included in the final legislative report. The link to the survey is also posted on the Ecology website. Please access the survey using this link.

EV Battery Management Study Fact-Finding Webinar

A webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 from noon-2:00 PM PST to share information on the Washington State Electric Vehicle Battery Management Study. This webinar is designed to gather information from participants holding key concrete knowledge on the collection, management, and transportation of EV batteries. Attendees will be asked key questions related to the collection and management of EV batteries and will have the opportunity to share their perspectives on regulations for the collection and management of EV batteries in WA State. Please register using this Zoom link.

EV Battery Management Study Webinar for Interested Parties

A webinar will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 1:00 PM-2:30 PM PST to share information on the Washington State Electric Vehicle Battery Management Study. This webinar is designed for stakeholders who are impacted by EV battery management systems or are interested in sharing their priorities. The webinar will ask attendees key questions related to their desired outcomes of the collection and management of EV Batteries in WA State. Please register using this Zoom link.

Want to stay engaged?

- Updates will be posted on the <u>Washington State Electric Vehicle (EV) Management Study website</u>.
- If you would like to receive updates on the survey, legislative reports, and additional engagement opportunities, please sign up for this list serv.

Questions

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