



## FYI Issue Tracking Summary for 2025-2026

May 8, 2025

Below are issues on which WUA is either actively engaged or monitoring for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session. The latest actions are in italics.

**AB 25/SB 28 ROFR** (Peterson, LeMahieu) – Granting incumbent Wisconsin transmission providers the Right of First Refusal to right to construct, own, and maintain certain transmission facilities and Public Service Commission procedures if the transmission facility is a regionally cost-shared transmission line. WUA supports and testified in favor of these bills. Introduced February 13<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively these bills were referred to the Energy & Utilities and Utilities and Tourism Committees, respectively. *SA 1 was introduced March 3<sup>rd</sup> by Sen. LeMahieu and AA 1 by Rep. Brooks the same day. A joint public hearing was held on both bills March 4<sup>th</sup>. AA 2 was offered by Rep. Knodl March 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**SJR-007 Nuclear Power** (Bradley, Julian) Recognizing that the Wisconsin State Legislature supports nuclear power and fusion energy as clean energy sources that are critical to safely meeting Wisconsin's growing energy demands and declaring the legislature's commitment to the continuation and expansion of nuclear power and nuclear technologies, the development of nuclear technologies and fusion energy, and employing the leadership and resources necessary to support the development of and investment in nuclear power, fusion energy, and related technologies in the state. Referred to Senate Committee on Organization. *WUA supports. SJR 7 was adopted March 18<sup>th</sup> 27-5 messaged to the Assembly Rules Committee where it currently resides.*

**AJR-006 Nuclear Power** (Steffen, David) Recognizing that the Wisconsin State Legislature supports nuclear power and fusion energy as clean energy sources that are critical to safely meeting Wisconsin's growing energy demands and declaring the legislature's commitment to the continuation and expansion of nuclear power and nuclear technologies, the development of nuclear technologies and fusion energy, and employing the leadership and resources necessary to support the development of and investment in nuclear power, fusion energy, and related technologies in the state. WUA supports. *It was introduced March 17<sup>th</sup> and was referred to Assembly Committee on Rules.*

**AB 59/SB 56 Lead Water Line Replacement** (Green, Quinn) Allowing a private water utility access to WDNR Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, currently only available to municipal water systems. WUA supports these bills. *AB 59 was introduced February 24 and referred to the Energy & Utilities Committee. SB 56 was introduced February 21 and referred to the Utilities and Tourism Committee. A public hearing on SB 56 was held April 30<sup>th</sup>. WUA registered in favor. SB 56 was approved by the Committee 3-2 (Ratcliff, Smith) on May 6.*

**AB 7/SB 3 Local Approval** (Tranel, Marklein) Requiring local government approval for renewables projects before the PSCW could grant a CPCN or CA. WUA opposes these bills. SB 3 was introduced January 24 and referred to the Senate Utilities & Tourism Committee. AB 7 was introduced February 6<sup>th</sup> and *referred to the Assembly Energy & Utilities Committee.*

**AB108 /SB 125 Bill History - Nuclear Power Siting Study** (Sortwell, Steffen, Bradley) This bill requires the PSC to conduct a nuclear power siting study and requires PSC to take final action on an application for a CPCN for a large electric generating facility that contains an advanced nuclear reactor within 150 days after the application is complete, unless the chairperson of PSC extends the time period for no more than an additional 150 days for

good cause. WUA supports these bills. AB 108 was introduced on 3/11/2025 and referred to the Assembly Committee on Jobs and Economy. [Assembly Amendment 1](#) to AB 108 was offered by Representative Steffen on April 16. *It received a public hearing April 23<sup>rd</sup>.* SB 125 was introduced March 14 and referred to the Utilities & Tourism Committee. [Senate Amendment 1](#) offered by Senator Bradley on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing was held on SB 125 on April 30<sup>th</sup> and WUA registered in favor. *SA 1 was adopted 5-0 and the Committee recommended passage, as amended, 5-0 on May 6.*

**[AB 106/SB 96 EV Charging Tax Exemption](#)** (Vandermeer, Marklein) These bills create an exemption from the EV charging tax for residential chargers. WUA supports these bills. They were introduced March 7 and March 11 respectively and referred to their respective utility committees. A public hearing was held on SB 96 on April 30<sup>th</sup>. WUA registered in favor. *SB 96 was approved by the Committee, 5-0 on May 6.*

**[SB124/ AB 132 View Bill History Nuclear Power Summit](#)** (Bradley, Steffen) These bills create a board to organize, promote, and host a Wisconsin nuclear power summit and make an appropriation. WUA supports these bills. SB 124 was introduced on 3/14/2025 and referred to the Committee on Utilities and Tourism. AB 132 was introduced March 13 and referred to the Jobs & the Economy Committee. On 4/15/2025 [Assembly Amendment 1](#) was offered by Representative Steffen. *It received a public hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.* [Senate Amendment 1](#) to SB 124 was offered by Sen. Bradley April 28<sup>th</sup> and a public hearing on SB 124 was held April 30<sup>th</sup>. WUA registered in favor. *SA 1 was approved 5-0 and the Committee recommended passage, as amended, May 6.*

**[AB-145/SB 150 Carbon Emissions](#)** (Moore Omokunde, Larson) These bills require the Legislature, during the 2025-26 legislative session, to pass legislation creating a viable plan to reduce carbon emissions by 52 percent by 2030 and a plan for achieving carbon neutral emissions by 2050. Any plan must maximize the impact of the plan on improving economic and racial equity. *AB 145 was introduced March 17 and referred to the Assembly Committee on Environment. SB 150 was introduced March 21 and referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development.*

**[AB 69/SB 80 Sales & Use Tax Exemption for Residential Electricity and Gas](#)** (Murphy, Jacque) – WUA does not object to these bills. *AB 69 was introduced February 24<sup>th</sup> and referred to Ways & Means Committee. SB 90 was introduced March 7 and referred to the Agriculture and Revenue Committee.*

**[AB174 View Bill History Wisconsin Energy Reform Act \(O'Connor\)](#)** – This bill, 1) establishes a competitive bidding requirement for certain transmission facility contracts and establishes an audit process to review such contracts; 2) grants certain rights to incumbent transmission facility owners; 3) imposes requirements on the construction of large wind energy systems, large solar energy systems, and battery energy storage systems, including the purchase of certain agricultural conservation easements when such systems are located on prime farmland; 4) makes nuclear energy a state policy priority; and 5) requires the installation of light-mitigating technology systems on certain wind energy systems and transmission line towers. *It was introduced on 4/14/2025 and referred to the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities.*