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JAY INSLEE

POLICY BRIEF

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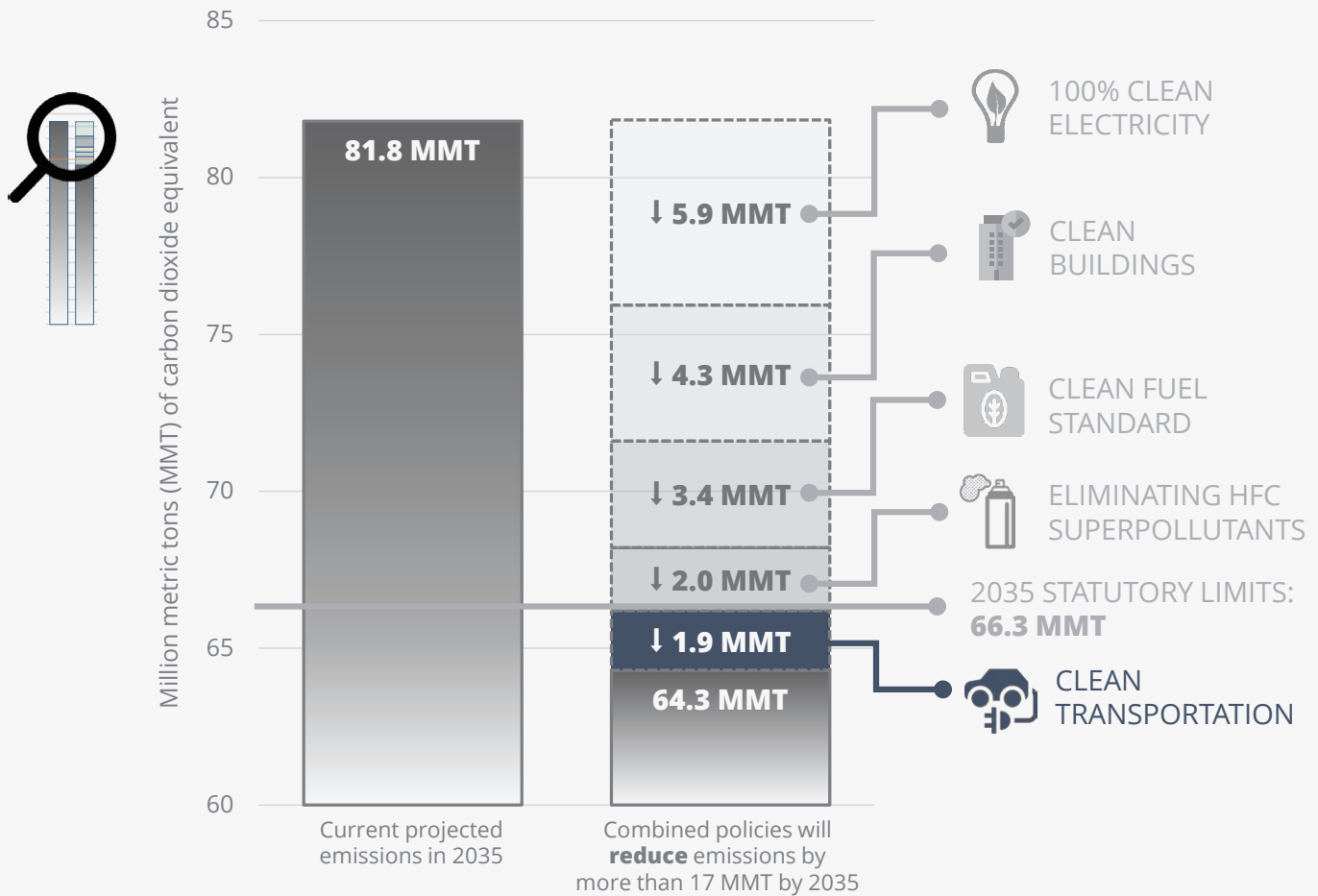
CLEAN TRANSPORTATION

Our transportation sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Washington state, accounting for nearly 50 percent of all emissions. It's also the largest energy cost for many Washingtonians, accounting for nearly 64 percent of an average household's energy costs.

To meet our greenhouse gas reduction targets, we must aggressively electrify our transportation infrastructure and help more people take advantage of options such as high-speed rail, light rail, buses and more. Because Washington's electric grid is among the cleanest and cheapest in the nation, transitioning to electric vehicles is one of the best ways to cut carbon pollution. Electric vehicles also have the potential to save consumers hundreds of dollars on their fuel bills every year.



ACHIEVING WASHINGTON'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS IN 15 YEARS



By expanding multi-modal commuter options and fueling more of our cars, buses and ferries with clean electricity instead of fossil fuels, we can reduce carbon emissions by nearly 2 million metric tons a year.

Gov. Jay Inslee has already launched numerous initiatives to electrify Washington's transportation systems, including his Electric Vehicle Fleets Initiative that requires 50 percent of all new state-owned and -leased passenger vehicles to be electric by 2020 and committing to all vehicles in Washington being zero-emission vehicles, or ZEVs, by at least 2050. He has supported incentives that make electric vehicles more affordable and invested in bolstering the state's EV charging network. Inslee is on track to meet his goal of 50,000 EV's on Washington roads by 2020. But we need to do more, faster.

Summary of Inslee's electric transportation legislation

The governor has requested legislation that will ensure electric vehicles become a more-affordable and -convenient option for consumers around the state.

EV sales tax incentive

Makes electric vehicles more accessible and affordable to everyone by providing a \$1,000 discount on any new or used EV under \$45,000. No sales tax will be assessed on vehicles under \$15,000.