



NV5 | HB1257 Clean Buildings Law



HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Starting in 2026, most existing commercial buildings (including schools and dormitories) in Washington state over 50,000 SF will be **required to meet certain Energy Use Index targets (EUIt)**. Anyone not in compliance by then will incur a penalty of \$5,000 + \$1/SF per year.

SAVE MONEY NOW OR SPEND MORE MONEY LATER

Although this is still a few years away, there is an **Early Adoption Incentive (EAI) Program** beginning July 1, 2021. If your building is 15 points or more above the EUIt, you may be eligible to receive an incentive up to \$0.85/SF of floor area.

WONDERING WHERE TO START?

NV5 can help! Through monitoring-based commissioning (MBCx), energy audits and/or retro-commissioning, we can get you into compliance by helping you lower your EUI. NV5 will review your energy usage and help you identify and implement opportunities for electricity and gas savings. We then verify the achieved savings and submit the results to the utility. The utility will review and send you a check upon their approval. *There are some exemptions to HB1257 including financial hardship. We can also help determine if exemptions apply and if they do, help submit the exemption application.*

Monitoring-based commissioning (MBCx)

Data-driven solution that combines ongoing building system monitoring with standard retro-commissioning (RCx) practices to provide substantial and continuous energy savings.

Energy audits

On-site walk-through of the facility with actionable recommendations to improve energy efficiency. Recommendations are provided with payback analysis to ensure cost effective decisions.

Retro-commissioning (RCx)

Identification and resolution of building system issues to facilitate achieving a high performance facility, and maintain performance through documentation, training, and knowledge transfer.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

June 1, 2026



June 1, 2027



June 1, 2028



SAMPLE EUI DASHBOARD

