Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is supporting I-1631?
I-1631 is supported by a diverse coalition of unions, communities of color, environmental and clean energy advocates, health professionals, businesses, and faith organizations.

Q: What investments will I-1631 make?
I-1631 invests in clean energy like wind and solar, as well as healthier forests, and clean air and water across the state, creating thousands of local Washington jobs.

Q: Is this plan equitable?
Yes. The initiative was written in part by advocates for social and economic justice, and will dedicate resources to improve the health of communities most impacted by pollution.

Q: What does the plan do for workers, especially those in polluting industries?
I-1631 will help create thousands of new jobs in clean energy, forest health, and manufacturing, among other family wage professions—from engineering to installation to administration, and help others transition to the growing clean energy economy.

Q: How does this plan help with forest health and protecting our air and water?
I-1631 invests more in our state’s natural resources to clean our air, contain pollution, and make Washington State more resilient to climate impacts, like reducing forest fire risks and improving river flows and water quality.

Q: How is a pollution fee different than a tax?
A fee requires that funds collected go directly towards solving the problem of pollution and is paid by the biggest corporate polluters—ensuring they do their part to clean up the mess.

Q: Who pays the fee?
Large corporate polluters like fuel distributors and some utilities that have not switched to clean energy will pay the fee.

Q: Who decides how the funds will be allocated?
A public oversight board will ensure the funds will be invested wisely to reduce pollution and mitigate climate impacts, especially on the hardest hit communities.