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*This compilation of state statutory citations focuses predominantly on climate change laws in effect January 1, 1970 through August 31, 2010. In some instances, regulations have been included in the compilation due to their significance. This compilation is intended to serve as a researcher-friendly inventory of state laws by providing the formal title of relevant legislation, the standard legal citation for each statute and a brief description of the law. Some statutes and regulations listed do not specifically relate to climate change, but are included because of their complementary relationship to the evolution of climate change law in the state.*

Title	Citation	Description
Energy Freedom Program; Framework to mitigate climate change—Report (2007)	WASH. REV. CODE	
Integrated Climate Change Response Strategy (2009)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 43.21M.010</a>	Directs several agencies to develop an integrated climate change response strategy to help the state and its people prepare for and adapt to climate change.
High performance public buildings; finding—intent (2009)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 39.35D.010</a>	Legislature finds that state agency leadership is necessary for preparation and adaptation to climate change to ensure the well-being of the people of the state.
Energy-related building standards; findings (2009)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 19.27A.130</a>	Legislature declares that pursuing energy efficiency for homes, businesses, and public institutions is the best way to confront climate change.
Climate Change Mitigation (2009)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE §§ 80.80.005 - 80.80.080</a>	Sets limits on greenhouse gas emissions. Develop ways to sequester carbon dioxide.
Global warming mitigation and adoption program -- Report (Expires Jan. 1, 2011) (2008)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 36.70A.5801</a>	Develop program with 3 counties and 6 cities to address climate change opportunities involved in urbanization.

Adoption of statewide goals to reduce annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 2050-- Department's duties--Reports to the legislature (2008)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 47.01.440</a>	State goal to reduce the number of miles driven by 2050 in hopes of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
Limiting Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2008)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE §§ 70.235.005 - 70.235.901</a>	Develop regional multi-sector market-based system to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Set levels on greenhouse gas emissions that should be achieved.
Classification of air contaminant sources--Registration--Fee-- Registration program defined-- Adoption of rules requiring the reporting of emissions of greenhouse gases (2008)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 70.94.151</a>	Requires reporting of greenhouse gas emissions
New vehicle greenhouse gas emissions disclosure--Rule-making authority--Report to the legislature (2008)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 70.120A.050</a>	On 2010 and newer vehicles required to place label on cars that disclose greenhouse gas emissions on the car.
Environmental mitigation activities (2007)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 54.16.390</a>	State public utilities may develop plans to reduce its greenhouse gases emissions.
Carbon Dioxide Mitigation (2004)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE §§ 80.70.010 - 80.70.070</a>	Requires new fossil-fuel electric generators and certain existing ones to have approved carbon dioxide mitigation plans. Plan can be for the purchase of carbon credits or through mitigation projects.
Climate and rural energy development center (2002)	<a href="#">WASH. REV. CODE § 28B.30.640</a>	Develop a center at Washington State University to serve as clearinghouse of information on climate change.
Member of the Western Climate Initiative		California, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and four Canadian Provinces created the WCI in 2007. Focus of group is to identify, evaluate, and implement collective and cooperative ways to reduce greenhouse gases in the region, focusing on a market-based cap-and-trade system.

