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The newly authorized Washington Electric Transmission Authority is far too weak. To support the expansion of electric transmission capacity "through planning, partnerships and development of new tools" is also way to weak.

Washington State needs an authority in the state with the regulatory authority and financial ability to improve the transmission system. Such entity could form private-public partnerships with utilities and developers and potentially take the lead in navigating state permitting, provide public financing, and use condemnation power where appropriate for independent developers.