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Thank you for preparing these recommendations to the WA legislature!

A key area the report omits is the development of energy storage opportunities. Energy storage helps grid operators by reducing transmission congestion and helps the generator to maximize the value of the energy generated by creating the ability to provide the energy at preferred pricing times. Specifically, many energy opportunities (for example agrivoltaics and pivot corners) would specifically benefit from storage options.

Alternative forms of energy storage from electrons, like hydrogen for example, are excellent opportunities for maximizing the revenue generated from dispersed energy sources that work around the transmission challenge/problem.

The legislature also needs to know that higher education is being hammered right now, particularly when it comes to rural forms of non-fossil energy (emphasis on our region). Without supporting the higher education pipeline there will be a reduction of new startup companies to develop the opportunities emphasized in the report.