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I think it would be a good idea for WA State to research BESS facilities located in other states and talk with individuals actually affected. There has been numerous articles about fires that can't be extinguished with water. They're just left to burn out while releasing noxious fumes into the air. Why put residents and wildlife at risk? Local fire departments need special training, equipment and clothing. Who pays for that? Ecology guidelines indicated they shouldn't be located, I think it was within 100 feet of a residential area, livestock or next to a critical aquifer. That seems too close considering problems occurring in other states. Washington State is known for its clean water and air. Why put that at risk for a facility that doesn't benefit the local community? It's only another resource for the utility companies to sell and make more money. Our state can do better. Please consider our environment rather than money.