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The following is an excerpt from a longer email from Bret (BatteryStewarship@ECY.WA.GOV) and peggyshepard@comcast.net

From: ECY RE Battery Stewardship Program
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2026 7:49 AM
To: peggyshepard@comcast.net

Hi Peggy,

Large batteries ... used in a battery energy storage system are not covered under Ecology's battery stewardship law.

Bret

Washington State has laws for battery stewardship (Chapter 70A.555 RCW BATTERIES—ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP), however it does not cover BESS batteries.

https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/our-programs/hazardous-waste-toxics-reduction

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Bret suggested I make a public records request from WA State Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction for any email describing the department members concerns because there are increasing numbers of lithium EV fires, they want a better understanding to properly assess the environmental impacts. 360-407-6700

I have not made a public records request yet.