

Hot List for the Washington State HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

Members of the Legislature,

For the past 15 years, environmental groups in Washington State have organized their efforts in Olympia through the “Environmental Priorities Coalition”. Our coalition prepares a weekly Legislative “Hot List”, as a regular communication for legislators which details our positions on up to ten of our highest priority issues for the upcoming week. The purpose of this communication tool is to allow the Washington State Legislature, the Executive Branch, and media organizations to easily track the Environmental Priorities Coalition’s top priorities all session long.

As the lobbyist for Washington Conservation Voters and Washington Environmental Council, I will send this “Hot List” to you on a weekly basis. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@ctassociates.org if you have any questions.

A PDF of the Hot List can be found [here](#) – along with an archive of all Hot Lists from 2018 as the Legislative Session progresses.

House Committee Action



HB 2328: Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.

House Finance: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session*

SUPPORT

- Brings the ZEV mandate to Washington state. This is the remaining part of the Clean Car Standards that Washington adopted over a decade ago that has still not be implemented in the state.
- The ZEV mandate is a consumer-friendly policy ensuring vehicle manufacturers make clean, electric cars available in Washington and contributes to the climate fight by reducing our reliance on gasoline and diesel vehicles.



HB 2338: Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels.

House Transportation: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session*

SUPPORT

- Require the creation of a Clean Fuels Program to reduce transportation sector pollution by 10% by 2028. Washington is the last West Coast state without such a program.
- A Clean Fuels program would support investment in low carbon biofuels and electric vehicles, cutting pollution in Washington's main source of emissions.



HB 2412: Creating the buy clean Washington act.

House Capital Budget: *Possible Executive Session*

SUPPORT

- Similar to California's Buy Clean bill, requires state infrastructure spending on certain key materials be permitted only from those suppliers that are among the most efficient in terms of GHG emissions.
- Lower overall emissions from state infrastructure projects, encourage more manufacturers to be as efficient as possible, and benefit clean local and domestic manufacturers and workers.



HB 2580: Promoting renewable natural gas.

House Finance: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session*

SUPPORT

- Promotes the sustainable development of renewable natural gas (RNG).
- Requires public utilities to acquire renewable energy for new resource needs, without fossil fuels, new nuclear or some forms of new hydro.



HB 2658: Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.

House Rules

SUPPORT

- Phases out a highly persistent class of chemicals (PFASs) in food packaging such as microwave popcorn and fast food or bakery wrappers.
- These toxic nonstick chemicals move from the packaging, to the food, and then into our bodies with each bite. PFAS chemicals pollute the environment when the food packaging is landfilled or composted and spread on the ground.



HB 2733: Establishing a prescribed burn certification program at the department of natural resources.

House Appropriations: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session*

SUPPORT

- Establishes a prescribed burn training program at DNR for private, local, state and federal land managers.
- Prescribed fire is a critical tool for restoring our forests to health to be more resilient to high severity megafires.



HB 2793: Reducing the use of certain toxic chemicals in firefighting activities.

House Rules

SUPPORT

- Phases out cancer-causing PFAS chemicals from firefighting foam and requires anyone selling firefighting gear containing PFASs to notify the buyer.
- Firefighting foam that contains these extremely persistent chemicals has contaminated drinking water in Issaquah, Coupeville, and Airway Heights. Firefighters are also exposed to PFAS chemicals when they use the foam, or wear gear treated with these chemicals. Cancer is the leading cause of death of firefighters.

about the coalition

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty leading environmental groups in Washington state that influence policy at the state level. For over a decade, the Coalition has selected joint priority issues to work on during legislative session to help focus environmental community resources and best achieve our shared goals.

