

# Hot List for the Washington State SENATE

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](mailto: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.

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## Senate Committee Action



### **SB 6086: Protecting the state's marine waters from the release of nonnative finfish from marine finfish aquaculture sites.**

Senate Rules

#### SUPPORT

- Follows laws adopted in Alaska and California, phasing-out the use of Atlantic salmon net-pens in marine waters in Washington.
- Protects wild salmon stocks as well as thousands of jobs associated with commercial, recreational, and tribal fisheries.



### **SB 6203: Reducing carbon pollution by moving to a clean energy economy.**

Senate Ways & Means

#### SUPPORT

- Levies a new carbon tax on carbon pollution emitted from the use of fossil fuels and in electricity.
- Invests revenue in clean energy transition, adaptation to climate change including water and forest investments, and provide support for low-income household and affected workers.



### **SB 6269: Strengthening oil transportation safety.**

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Executive Session*

#### SUPPORT

- Ensures all modes of transporting crude oil are taxed fairly, provides reliable funding for state oil spill prevention work, and enhances protections for Puget Sound and shared waters.
- Washington faces many risks to our communities and waterways from oil spills from pipelines, trains, and vessels.



**SB 6396: Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.**

Senate Ways & Means: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Action*

**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.



**SB 6413: Reducing the use of certain toxic chemicals in firefighting activities.**

Senate Ways & Means: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Action*

**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.



**SB 6516: Allowing limited storm and sanitary sewer systems for rural economic development in the growth management act.**

Senate Rules

**OPPOSE**

- Allows for the extension of sewer and stormwater outside of the UGA for economic development purposes.
- Allows for development to connect to water and stormwater facilities, not just those properties to be served for light or heavy industrial uses.



**SB 6529: Establishing a modernizing pesticide notification work group.**

Senate Ways & Means: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session*

**SUPPORT**

- Illness and public health impacts from pesticide exposure impact farmworkers, nearby communities, and the environment. This bill convenes a work group to identify reasonable strategies to protect people from exposure to harmful pesticides that drift and settle on clothing, skin, fields, playgrounds, lawns, and streams.



**SB 6539: Ensuring compliance with the state's fiduciary duty in managing state trust lands.**

Senate Ways & Means: *Public Hearing and Possible Executive Session*

**OPPOSE**

- Undermines years of work at the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to determine a sustainable timber harvest calculation and protect listed species on state trust lands. The bill also hinders a recently announced "solutions table" from working on creative solutions to provide more certainty for trust beneficiaries (e.g., counties) in the state over multiple generations.

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*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.

