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 2019 as the Legislative Session progresses.

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**House Floor Action**

**HB 1110: Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels (Clean Fuel Standard).**

**SUPPORT**

**Possible Floor Action**

- Supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies through a carefully designed program that reduces the carbon intensity of fuel used in the state, while cutting down pollutants that harm public health.

**HB 1126: Enabling electric utilities to prepare for the distributed energy future.**

**SUPPORT**

**Possible Floor Action**

- Establishes state policy that any distributed energy resources planning process engaged in by an electric utility should identify potential programs to fairly compensate customers for the value of their Distributed Energy resources.
- Create a 10-year plan for distribution system investments and analyze non-wire alternatives.
HB 1512: Concerning the electrification of transportation.
SUPPORT
Possible Floor Action
- Allows municipal utilities and public utility districts to create and offer incentive programs to support the electrification of transportation.
- Allows investor-owned utilities to submit plans to the UTC that would give them the opportunity to provide electric vehicle infrastructure and incentives that support the electrification of transportation.

HB 2047: Concerning carbon sequestration on natural and working lands as part of the state’s climate change response.
SUPPORT
Possible Floor Action
- Develops a collaborative process to assess and analyze carbon reduction possibilities in the forest sector.
- Better positions the state and landowners in evaluating information and shaping opportunities (e.g., carbon markets) appropriate for reducing carbon pollution and to meet the needs of the specific type of landowner.

House Committee Action

HB 1257: Concerning energy efficiency (Clean Buildings for Washington Act).
SUPPORT
House Appropriations: Possible Executive Session
- Addresses the built environment, which produces 27% of Washington’s greenhouse gas emissions – our second largest source of emission.
- Addresses natural gas use in homes and buildings with increased conservation programs; spurs retrofits in large existing commercial buildings with performance standards and state incentives; and requires EV-readiness in new buildings with parking.

HB 2042: Advancing green transportation adoption.
SUPPORT
House Transportation: Possible Executive Session
- Establishes and extends tax incentive programs for alternative fuel vehicles. Support is contingent on the funding source of these incentives.
- Provides funding, increases utility authorization, and adds technical assistance and additional research to support sector-wide transportation electrification.

SB 5116: Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future (100% Clean Electricity).
SUPPORT
House Environment & Energy: Possible Executive Session
- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2019.
- Moves Washington away from fossil fuels and toward 100% Clean Electricity, making our state a national leader.
- A 100% Clean Electricity portfolio reduces pollution that causes climate change, expands our clean energy economy, and sets a foundation to reduce pollution from other sectors like transportation.
SB 5223: Concerning net metering (Solar Fairness Act).
SUPPORT
House Environment & Energy: Public Hearing on Thursday, March 14th
- Strengthens net metering standards, protects homeowners, and expands the emerging solar market in the state.
- Solar owners deserve full credit for the power they make. Unfortunately, consumers statewide are often unable to benefit fully from the generation of solar energy on their rooftops and properties because Washington has some of the weakest net metering policies in the nation.

SB 5322: Ensuring compliance with the federal clean water act by prohibiting certain discharges into waters of the state.
SUPPORT
House Environment & Energy: Public Hearing on Thursday, March 14th
- Strengthens action to safeguard rivers and habitat from suction dredge mining.
- Washington lags behind Oregon and other states in terms of protecting rivers and streams from harmful mining.

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.