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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**Senate Floor Action**

**SB 5118: Concerning self-consumption of energy.**

**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Action

- Prohibits an electric utility from establishing requirements for a customer-generator that would have the effect of limiting the ability of a customer to generate or store electricity for their own consumption on their own property.

**SB 5329: Concerning updating and streamlining energy facility site evaluation council operations.**

**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Action

- Better supports Washington’s energy goals by adding clean energy as an objective, as well as streamlines application and review process, increasing administrative efficiencies.
- Expands Tribal, city and county membership, enhancing local and Tribal engagement in EFSEC oversight.

**SB 5372: Concerning local project review undertaken under chapter 36.70B RCW.**

**OPPOSE**
Possible Floor Action
• Complete application determination is lowered from 28 day to 10 days and a request for additional information down to 5 days.
• Creates vested rights for projects before local jurisdictions could adequately assess if the application is complete and accurate.

SB 5696: Concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes.
SUPPORT
Possible Floor Action
• Improves the process by which counties received payments from the state for WDFW lands within their jurisdictions (called PILT).
• A well-functioning PILT program will ensure county services are supported while still protecting critical habitats for hunting, fishing, and wildlife.

Senate Committee Action

HB 1112: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.
SUPPORT
Senate Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing on Thursday, March 14th
• Phases out the sale and use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are primarily used as refrigerants, in different applications by 2024.
• HFCs are extremely potent greenhouse gases with existing alternatives for their use. HFCs are already restricted in California and were previously by the EPA.

HB 1428: Concerning the disclosure of attributes of electricity products.
SUPPORT
Senate Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing on Thursday, March 14th
• Improves consumer protection by making the fuel disclosure report more specific and timely.
• Clarifies reporting on renewable resources and renewable energy credits.

HB 1444: Concerning appliance efficiency standards.
SUPPORT
Senate Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing on Thursday, March 14th
• Sets energy and water efficiency standards for common consumer products, saving consumers money on utility bills and helping transition our energy system to a cleaner future.
• Sets water efficiency standards for home and commercial plumbing products, saving billions of gallons of water over the next decade.

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.