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 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

👍 HB 1112: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from hydrofluorocarbons.
**SUPPORT**
**Possible Floor Vote**
- 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 1126: Enabling electric utilities to prepare for the distributed energy future.
**SUPPORT**
**Possible Floor Vote**
- Establishes state policy and process to better value distributed energy resources and planning by electric utilities.

👍 HB 1257: Concerning energy efficiency (Clean Buildings for Washington Act).
**SUPPORT**
Possible Floor Vote

- 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 1332: Concerning updating and streamlining energy facility site evaluation council operations.
SUPPORT Possible Floor Vote

- 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.

HB 1444: Concerning appliance efficiency standards.
SUPPORT Possible Floor Vote

- Sets energy and water efficiency standards for common consumer products, saving consumers money on utility bills.
- Requires that electric hot water heaters sold in the state be grid-ready to enable future utility demand response programs, which is important as we move to a cleaner electric system.

SB 5116: Supporting Washington’s clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future (100% Clean Electricity).
SUPPORT Possible Concurrence Vote

- 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 5993: Reforming the financial structure of the model toxics control program.
SUPPORT Senate Ways & Means: Possible Executive Session

- Provides adequate and reliable funding to meet the demand for toxic cleanups, toxics prevention, pollution control, and public participation grants.
- Benefits communities statewide. In particular, low-income neighborhoods and communities of color, which disproportionately impacted by harmful pollution.

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.