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 2009: Establishing the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

- Requires agencies to use environmental health disparity data to inform decisions about enforcement, investments, and policy.
- Creates a task force to direct equitable action, including requiring agencies to measure their work against a baseline of environmental health and develop targets for decreasing disparity.
- Makes a greater overall positive health impact by targeting communities facing the greatest environmental health risks – increasing government efficiency.

**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 5135:** Preventing toxic pollution that affects public health or the environment.

**SUPPORT**  
Possible Concurrence Vote

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2019, and implements part of the Orca Task Force’s recommendations.
- Authorizes the Department of Ecology to take actions to reduce the use of harmful chemicals in consumer products before the pollution contaminates homes, people, waterways, salmon, and orcas, and before it creates the need for expensive cleanup and treatment.

**SB 5223:** Concerning net metering (Solar Fairness Act).

**SUPPORT**  
Possible Concurrence Vote

- Extends net metering to 4% of load of 1996 peak load or June 30, 2029, whichever comes first. Limits application of net metering credits to two meters, but grandfathers in existing aggregated meter systems.
- Allows an alternative net metering reimbursement schedule after the thresholds have been reached.

**SB 5397:** Concerning the responsible management of plastic packaging.

**SUPPORT**  
Possible Concurrence Vote

- Requires Department of Ecology to study plastic packaging and to make recommendations to the legislature on how to better manage plastic packaging to achieve a goal of one hundred percent recyclable, reusable, or compostable packaging in all goods by 2025.
- Plastic packaging represents a growing environmental problem with impacts on marine environment, litter, and our recycling programs.

**SB 5577:** Concerning the protection of southern resident orca whales from vessels.

**SUPPORT**  
Possible Concurrence Vote

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2019, and implements part of the Orca Task Force’s recommendations to reduce noise and disturbance for Southern Resident orcas.

**SB 5579:** Concerning the volatility of crude oil received in the state by rail.

**SUPPORT**  
Possible Concurrence Vote

- Protects communities facing risks from Bakken oil that is uniquely dangerous and volatile.

**SB 5993:** Reforming the financial structure of the model toxics control program.

**SUPPORT**  
Possible Floor Vote

- 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.