Special SUPPLEMENTAL Hot List for the Washington State House of Representatives

Members of the Legislature,

Below you will find a Special Supplemental Hot List for a couple very important bills that are likely to come up for a floor vote as early as today.

Please feel free to contact me at clifford@ctassociates.org if you have any questions.

House Floor Action

👍 SB 5323: Reducing Pollution from Plastic Bags.  
**SUPPORT**  
*Possible Floor Vote*  
- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2019.  
- Creates a statewide ban on carryout plastic bags, encouraging use of recycled paper and reusable bags.  
- Reduces harm to marine life, cuts down on litter, and prevents problems at recycling and composting facilities.

👍 SB 5489: Establishing a healthy environment for all (HEAL Act).  
**SUPPORT**  
*Possible Floor Vote*  
- Directs the state to do a cumulative impacts analysis on environmental hazards and vulnerable communities and creates a task force to develop guidance that will ensure state agencies are serving the public better.  
- Establishes a clear definition of environmental justice; requires the use of data and a mapping tool; and shapes strategies for stronger public outreach and engagement on environmental decisions, including translation services.  
- This bill is led by communities of color, part of the environmental community’s Partnership Agenda, and has broad support from 86 organizations.

*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.