Hot List for the Washington State House of Representatives

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty leading environmental groups in Washington that influence policy at the state level. Our coalition prepares a weekly Hot List, as a regular communication for legislators detailing our positions on our highest priority issues for the upcoming week. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@ctassociates.org if you have any questions. The Hot List can also be found here — along with an archive of previous Hot Lists.

- **HB 2385**: Concerning antifouling paints on recreational water vessels.
  
  **SUPPORT**
  
  House Environment & Energy: **Possible Executive Session**
  
  - The environmental community reluctantly supports a five-year delay on the current statutory phase-out date of copper antifouling paint to gather more information on alternatives and educate boaters.
  - We do not support amendments that would remove the statutory ban in favor of a tentative administrative process.

- **HB 2496**: Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries.
  
  **SUPPORT**
  
  House Environment & Energy: **Public Hearing on Thursday, January 30th**
  
  - Requires battery companies to establish stewardship programs.
  - Ensures the public and workers are better protected from this serious public health problem because batteries are safely recycled.

- **HB 2518**: Concerning the safe and efficient transmission and distribution of natural gas.
  
  **SUPPORT**
  
  House Environment & Energy: **Possible Executive Session**
  
  - Requires disclosure and tracking of all leaks from natural gas pipelines.
- Increases the maintenance of pipelines and will improve operational practices to reduce fugitive emissions.

**HB 2549: Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.**

**SUPPORT**
House Environment & Energy: *Public Hearing on Monday, January 27th*
- Ensures land use management under the Growth Management Act is consistent with salmon recovery objectives.

**HB 2550: Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.**

**SUPPORT**
House Environment & Energy: *Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28th*
- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2020.
- Creates a “net ecological gain” standard to be integrated into various laws to support salmon and orca recovery.

**HB 2609: Addressing climate change through growth management.**

**SUPPORT**
House Environment & Energy: *Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28th*
- Adds climate change as a goal of the Growth Management Act.
- Ensures comprehensive plans mitigate effects of climate change, support emission reduction requirements and state vehicle miles traveled goals, build resilient infrastructure, and nurture health.

**HB 2667: Implementing the Washington State energy code for residential buildings.**

**OPPOSE**
House Local Government: *Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 29th*
- Deletes the state’s energy code goals that state new construction should become increasingly more efficient and fossil fuel-free.
- Delays implementation of the 2018 residential energy code until 2021 and directs a revision that can only be less efficient.

**HB 2744: Improving environmental and social outcomes associated with the production of building materials.**

**SUPPORT**
House Capital Budget: *Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28th*
- Creates a “Buy Clean, Buy Fair” policy to help reduce carbon pollution and support good paying manufacturing jobs.

**HB 2768: Concerning urban and community forestry.**

**SUPPORT**
House Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources: *Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28th*
- Updates the 2008 Evergreen Communities Act and links DNR’s urban forestry program delivery more explicitly to important co-benefits from increased tree canopy, including salmon recovery and environmental justice.

**HB 2769: Concerning the prevention of derelict vessels.**

**SUPPORT**
House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources: *Public Hearing on Wednesday, January 29th*
- Enhances DNR’s derelict vessel program, offering new tools to prevent harm and improve enforcement of existing laws.
• Derelict vessels often capsize, releasing oil and other toxic waste into Puget Sound and other bodies of water.