

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.



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HB 2667

House Committee Action

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.

