

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.

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House Committee Action

HB 2405: Concerning property assessed clean energy and resilience financing (“C-PACER”).

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Possible Executive Session*

- Authorizes counties to establish C-PACER programs, which can finance energy efficiency and clean energy renovations, as well as resiliency measures such as seismic retrofits, fire protection, and lead remediation.
- Brings a proven financing tool to Washington State used in more than 20 other states to enable deeper clean energy improvements and public safety retrofits that may not happen otherwise in commercial, nonprofit, and multifamily properties.

HB 2518: Concerning the safe and efficient transmission and distribution of natural gas.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Public Hearing on Monday, February 10th*

- Requires disclosure and tracking of all leaks from natural gas pipelines.
- Increases the maintenance of pipelines and improves operational practices to reduce fugitive emissions.

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

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Possible Executive Session*

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2020.
- Directs a work group to create a roadmap for integrating a “net ecological gain” standard into land use laws.
- Initiates a multi-year effort to implement a critical Orca Task Force recommendation.

HB 2575: Concerning reforms to increase transparency and accountability of the Washington redistricting commission.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Public Hearing on Monday, February 10th*

- Updates the redistricting process to have improve transparency, provide opportunities for public input, ensure that input reflects the population of the state, require multi-lingual notification, and comply with the Voting Rights Act.
- Establishes mechanisms to enhance access and diversity.

HB 2769: Concerning the prevention of derelict vessels.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Possible Executive Session*

- 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.

SB 5811: Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.

SUPPORT

House Environment & Energy: *Public Hearing on Thursday, February 13th*

- Fully adopts California’s zero emission vehicles standards, which require manufacturers to produce a certain number of zero emissions vehicles each year based on their market sales.

HB 2768: Concerning urban and community forestry.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Possible Executive Session*

- Updates the 2008 Evergreen Communities Act and links DNR’s urban forestry program delivery explicitly to important co-benefits from increased tree canopy, including salmon recovery and environmental justice.

House Floor Action

HB 2265: Eliminating exemptions from restrictions on the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in firefighting foam.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Removes exemptions from existing law that allow PFAS-containing firefighting foams to be sold for use at oil facilities, chemical plants, and airports. Provides a waiver for large oil tank fires if there is no alternative available.
- Protects public health, firefighter health, drinking water supplies, and other bodies of water including Puget Sound from toxic PFAS chemicals.

HB 2586: Concerning the electrification of homes and buildings.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Clarifies public utilities have the authority to provide incentives to their customers to acquire efficient, electric home heating systems, regardless of their current fuel source.

- Provides public utility customers with access to programs and incentives that investor-owned utilities can already offer.

