

# 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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**HB 2405**  
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**HB 2586**  
**SB 5323**  
**SB 5811**

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### House Committee Action

**HB 2505: Extending the business and occupation tax exemption for amounts received as credits against contracts with or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration and used for low-income ratepayer assistance and weatherization.**

**SUPPORT**

House Finance: *Public Hearing on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

- Re-establishes a B&O tax exemption for BPA-credited funds to utilities to reimburse for conservation and demand-side management programs, as long as the amount that would otherwise be owed in taxes is used for the purposes of low-income ratepayer assistance and weatherization.

**SB 5323: Reducing pollution from plastic bags.**

**SUPPORT**

House Environment & Energy: *Public Hearing on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2020.
- Creates a statewide ban on carryout plastic bags, encouraging use of recycled paper and reusable bags.
- Protects marine life, reduces litter, and prevents problems at recycling and composting facilities.

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

**SUPPORT**

House Environment & Energy: *Possible Executive Session*

- 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.

## House Floor Action

### **HB 2405: Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience (C-PACER).**

#### **SUPPORT**

##### *Possible Floor Vote*

- Authorizes counties to establish C-PACER programs, which 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 already 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 2575: Concerning reforms to increase transparency and accountability of the Washington redistricting commission.**

#### **SUPPORT**

##### *Possible Floor Vote*

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

### **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.
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