

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 2311
HB 2360
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SB 5947

House Committee Action

HB 2311: Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Public Hearing on Monday, February 3rd*

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2020.
- Updates state greenhouse gas limits to reflect current science and recognize sequestration as a valuable tool for climate action.

HB 2360: Establishing the sharps waste stewardship program.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Possible Public Hearing and Executive Session*

- Requires drug companies to establish stewardship programs, which ensures that workers and the public are better protected from this serious public health problem.
- Discarded syringes and other medical “sharps” litter playgrounds and other public spaces as well as being discarded inappropriately in trash and recycling containers placing sanitation and recycling workers at risk.

HB 2427: Tackling climate change as a goal of the growth management act.

SUPPORT

House Environment & Energy: *Possible Executive Session*

- Adds climate change as a goal of the Growth Management Act.
- Requires consideration of climate goal by regional transportation planning organizations and in countywide planning policies.

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

SUPPORT

House Environment & Energy: *Possible Executive Session*

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2020.
- Creates a “net ecological gain” standard and a work group to create a roadmap for integrating that standard into land use laws.

HB 2586: Concerning the electrification of homes and buildings.

SUPPORT

House Environment & Energy: *Possible Executive Session*

- 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.

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

SUPPORT

House Capital Budget: *Possible Executive Session*

- 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: *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.

HB 2892: Authorizing the department of ecology to regulate greenhouse gas emissions associated with persons who produce or distribute fossil fuel products that emit greenhouse gases in Washington.

SUPPORT

House Environment & Energy: *Public Hearing on Monday, February 3rd*

- Ensures the state has full authority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the state Clean Air Act.

SB 5947: Establishing the sustainable farms and fields grant program.

SUPPORT

House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources: *Public Hearing on Friday, February 7th*

- Requires the Conservation Commission to develop a grant program for distribution of goods, services, and the acquisition of carbon dioxide equivalent impacts from landowners.

