

# Hot List for the

## Washington State Senate

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](mailto: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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### Senate Committee Action

**HB 1110: Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels (Clean Fuel Standard).**

**SUPPORT**

Senate Environment, Energy & Technology: *Possible Public Hearing*

- One of the four environmental community priorities of 2020.
- Supports the deployment of clean transportation fuel technologies through a carefully designed program that reduces the carbon intensity of fuel used in the state, while cutting down pollutants that harm public health.

**HB 1841: Safe Train Crew Size Act.**

**SUPPORT**

Senate Labor & Commerce: *Public Hearing on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>*

- Establishes minimum crew sizes for oil trains crossing Washington. Right now, trains can run more than a mile long and only have a single operator aboard.
- We need minimum size train crews to prevent crashes and improve response times.

### Senate Floor Action

**SB 6147: Concerning the replacement of shoreline armoring.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

- Requires homeowners replacing bulkheads to consider “soft” alternatives that protect fish habitat as well as protecting structures on the property in question.
- Shoreline armoring, such as marine bulkheads, causes significant harm to critical nearshore habitat for marine fish including salmon.

**SB 6213: Concerning certain expanded polystyrene products.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Votes*

- Bans expanded polystyrene food service products, coolers, and packing materials.
- Adequate substitutes for these polystyrene products exist that are far less harmful to the environment.

**SB 6228: Restoring voter eligibility for all persons convicted of a felony offense who are not in total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

- Automatically restores voting rights to individuals no longer in confinement.
- Historically, these individuals have been excluded from voting because the current language is ambiguous, leading to further disenfranchisement.

**SB 6278: Concerning water withdrawals for commercial bottled water production.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Votes*

- Effectively prohibits issuance of water rights permits for water bottling plants.
- Prevents new water bottling plants from proliferating in Washington, effecting small rural community water supplies necessary for both agriculture and threatened salmon species.

**SB 6488: Concerning aerial herbicides in forestlands.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

- Evaluates non-chemical alternatives to pesticide use on forestlands.
- Provides clarification on the standards to protect adjacent landowners and communities from aerial pesticide exposure.

**SB 6528: Concerning the prevention of derelict vessels.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

- 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 6628: Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases.**

**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

- Updates Clean Air Act to allow Department of Ecology to regulate greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production or distribution of fossil fuel products.

