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 if you have any questions. The Hot List can also be found here – along with an archive of previous Hot Lists.

HB 1110
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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 20th
- 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.