

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.



SB 6147
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SB 6544

Senate Committee Action

SB 6210: Concerning antifouling paints on recreational water vessels.

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Public Hearing & Executive Session*

- Creates a five-year delay on the current statutory phase-out date of copper antifouling paint.
- The environmental community reluctantly supports this delayed phase-out, but we do not support amendments that would weaken the Department of Ecology's ability to review alternatives to copper antifouling paint.

SB 6278: Concerning water withdrawals for commercial bottled water productions.

SUPPORT

Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: *Possible Executive Session*

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

SB 6488: Concerning aerial herbicides in forestlands.

SUPPORT

Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: *Possible Executive Session*

- 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

Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: *Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 4th*

- 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 6544: Encouraging the success of agriculture on agricultural land.

OPPOSE

Senate Local Government: *Possible Executive Session*

- Increases the potential loss of agricultural lands by removing protections against nonagricultural uses and allowing changes in zoning on agricultural lands with no definition of agricultural purpose.
- Washington has lost over 300,000 acres of agriculture land in just the last 10 years.

SB 6628: Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases.

SUPPORT

Senate Environment, Energy & Technology: *Possible Executive Session*

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

Senate Floor Action

SB 6147: Concerning the replacement of shoreline armoring.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Requires consideration of environmentally friendly armoring when replacing an existing bulkhead.
 - Shoreline armoring has a major impact on Puget Sound.
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