

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 2957
SB 5323
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House Committee Action

HB 2957: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by providing authority for the regulation of indirect sources under the clean air act and implementing standards and programs that reduce emissions associated with buildings.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Public Hearing on Monday, March 2nd*

- Grants the Department of Ecology the authority to limit indirect sources of greenhouse gas pollution, including from transportation and buildings.

SB 5323: Reducing pollution from plastic bags.

SUPPORT

House Finance: *Public Hearing on Monday, March 2nd*

- 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 Appropriations: *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.

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

SUPPORT

House Capital Budget: *Public Hearing on Monday, March 2nd*

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

SB 6313: Increasing opportunities for young voters.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *Possible Executive Session*

- Allows young people turning 18 by Election Day (but 17 on the day of the primary) to vote.

SB 6488: Concerning aerial herbicides in forestlands.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations: *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

House Appropriations: *Public Hearing on Monday, March 2nd*

- 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.

House 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, such as marine bulkheads, causes significant harm to critical nearshore habitat for marine fish including salmon.

SB 6613: Concerning the inspection of marine aquatic farming locations.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Allows DFW to recover fees to support inspections and monitoring of these facilities.
- Net Pens contribute to water pollution and can be incubators for disease that can be fatal to native salmon.

