

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 Transportation: *Public Hearing on Monday, March 2nd*

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

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Executive Session*

- 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 2405: Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience (C-PACER).

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Executive Session*

- Directs the development of a C-PACER program that allows qualified improvements (energy efficiency, clean energy, seismic retrofits, fire protection, lead remediation) to be financed on the property.
- Brings a proven financing tool to Washington already used in more than 20 other states to enable deeper clean energy improvements and public safety retrofits that may not happen otherwise in commercial, nonprofit, and multifamily properties.

HB 2528: Recognizing the contributions of the state's forest products sector as part of the state's global climate response.

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Executive Session*

- Establishes state policy to support the forest products sector's contribution to the state's role in carbon sequestration, and creates the Forest and Forest Products Carbon Account.

HB 2575: Concerning reforms to increase transparency and accountability of the Washington redistricting commission.

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Executive Session*

- Updates the redistricting process to improve transparency, provide opportunities for public input, ensure input reflects the population of the state, require multi-lingual notification, and comply with the Voting Rights Act.

HB 2768: Concerning urban and community forestry.

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Possible Executive Session*

- Updates the 2008 Evergreen Communities Act and links DNR's urban forestry program delivery more explicitly to important co-benefits from increased tree canopy, including salmon recovery and environmental justice.

Senate Floor Action

HB 1261: Ensuring compliance with the federal clean water act by prohibiting certain discharges into waters of the state.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Bans destructive motorized dredge mining practices in streams that are designated critical habitat for endangered salmon species.
- Washington is the only state on the west coast that has failed to properly regulate or ban motorized dredge mining.

HB 1841: Safe Train Crew Size Act.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- 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.

HB 2265: Eliminating exemptions from restrictions on the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in firefighting foam.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Removes exemptions from existing law that allow PFAS-containing firefighting foams to be sold for use at oil facilities, chemical plants, and airports. Provides a waiver for large oil tank fires if there is no alternative available.
- Protects public health, firefighter health, drinking water supplies, and other bodies of water including Puget Sound from toxic PFAS chemicals.

HB 2518: Concerning the safe and efficient transmission and distribution of natural gas.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Requires disclosure and tracking of all leaks from natural gas pipelines. Increases the maintenance of pipelines and will improve operational practices to reduce fugitive emissions.

