

WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2021



for the
Washington State
House of Representatives

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty leading environmental groups who lobby in Olympia. In a virtual Legislative Session, this weekly “Hot List” for legislators, which details our highest priorities each week, should prove to be particularly helpful to you.

Please feel free to contact Clifford Traisman (Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conservation Voters) at clifford@ctassociates.org if you have any questions regarding our positions on any bills affecting the environment, not just these. The Hot List can also be found [here](#). Thank you.

House Committee Action



SUPPORT

House
State Government &
Tribal Relations:
Executive Session
Thursday, 1/21

HB 1078: 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.

- Automatically restores voting rights upon release from prison.
- Reduces recidivism by allowing our neighbors impacted by the criminal legal system to participate in our democracy.
- Part of the environmental community’s [Partnership Agenda](#).



SUPPORT

House
Energy & Environment:
Public Hearing
Friday, 1/22

HB 1084: Reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by achieving greater decarbonization of residential and commercial buildings.

- Addresses emissions from our fastest-growing sector: Buildings.
- Supports transition to fossil fuel-free buildings by accelerating building code, clarifying public utilities may provide electrification incentives to their customers, removing statutory preferences for gas, ensuring gas utilities are planning to meet the state’s climate goals, and more.

HB 1091: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel. (Clean Fuel Standard).



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House

Environment & Energy:

Executive Session

Thursday, 1/21

- 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.
- One of three [environmental community priorities](#) for 2021.



SUPPORT

House Labor &

Workplace Standards:

Public Hearing

Wednesday, 1/20

HB 1097: Increasing worker protections.

- Enhances protections for workers to address wage theft, discrimination, or dangerous working conditions.
- Part of the environmental community's [Partnership Agenda](#).



SUPPORT

House

Environment & Energy:

Public Hearing

Tuesday, 1/19

HB 1099: Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework.

- Requires the ten largest/fastest growing communities plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions/vehicle miles traveled according to state goals.
- Requires all cities and counties plan for resiliency by identifying, protecting, and enhancing areas most likely to be impacted by climate change or able to mitigate against climate change.



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House

Environment & Energy:

Public Hearing

Thursday, 1/21

HB 1117: Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework.

- Ensures salmon recovery is integrated with local land use planning under the Growth Management Act.
- Salmon are essential as a food source for people and orcas, and central for cultural identity and economic vitality.



OPPOSE

House

Environment & Energy:

HB 1130: Concerning consumer affordability and reliability in energy supply.

- Eliminates assistance targets for households with high energy burden established in CETA, making changes to the statute before rules on assistance are finalized.
 - Requires utilities to achieve 50% improvement in reliability while reducing rates by 50%, with no plan for replacing lost revenue to meet new costs.
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Public Hearing
Friday, 1/22



OPPOSE

*House Rural
Development,
Agriculture &
Natural Resources:*
Public Hearing
Wednesday, 1/20

HB 1132: Concerning the protection of water supply for farming and rural economic development.

- Fundamentally changes state water law, providing broad exemptions to the policy of “use it or lose it.”
- Results in reduced instream flows that are necessary to protect endangered salmon and other species.



SUPPORT

House Education:
Public Hearing
Friday, 1/22

HB 1139: Taking action to address lead in drinking water.

- Requires testing of every drinking water outlet at every school in Washington.
- Ensures parents and communities know when lead is detected in drinking water at their schools.
- Requires mitigation when detected lead level is above 5 ppb (current required mediation level is 20 ppb).



OPPOSE

*House
Local Government:*
Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/19

HB 1150: Concerning state building code council membership.

- Adds four voting legislative members to the State Building Code Council, politicizing a technical body that addresses the healthy, safety, and efficiency of new building construction in the state.

about the coalition

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty leading environmental groups in Washington state that influence policy at the state level. For over a decade, the Coalition has selected joint priority issues to work on during legislative session to help focus environmental community resources and best achieve our shared goals.

