

WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 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

Energy & Tribal

Environment:

Executive Session

Thursday, 1/28

HB 1050: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases.

- Reduces potent greenhouse gas emissions from refrigerants by setting standards, reducing leaks, and establishing procurement preferences.



SUPPORT

House Labor &

Workplace Standards:

Executive Session

Wednesday, 1/27

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

Capital Budget:

HB 1103: Improving environmental and social outcomes with the production of building materials.

Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/26

- Creates a much-needed reporting system to provide information on the carbon intensity, toxicity, and treatment of workers related to certain categories of structural building materials.



SUPPORT

*House
Environment & Energy:*
Public Hearing
Thursday, 1/28

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.



SUPPORT

House Education:
Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/26

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).



SUPPORT

*House Consumer
Protection & Business:*
Executive Session
Thursday, 1/28

HB 1212: Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic products to increase access to appropriate and affordable digital products, support small businesses and jobs, and enhance digital connectivity in Washington state.

- Requires digital electronic product manufacturers to make available electronic and repair information, parts, and tools related to independent repair.
- Makes it possible for small businesses to do repairs of cellphones and other items with motherboards and screens. This way, people will keep using their items instead of tossing them!



SUPPORT

*House Rural
Development,
Agriculture & Natural
Resources:*
Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/26

HB 1216: Concerning urban and community forestry.

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



SUPPORT

*House
Local Government:*
Public Hearing

HB 1220: Supporting emergency shelters and housing through local planning and development regulations.

- Updates the housing goals of the GMA to include planning for accommodating affordable housing.
- Requires jurisdictions to address racially disparate impacts and displacement in housing.



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House

Environment & Energy:

Public Hearing
Friday, 1/29

HB 1280: Concerning greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the design of public facilities.

- Requires that the lifecycle costs of greenhouse gas emissions be assessed when designing or renovating a public facility so incorporation of low-carbon systems is adequately studied.
 - Directs public agencies to consider all-electric energy systems when designing major publicly-owned or leased facilities.
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House

Environment & Energy:

Public Hearing
Thursday, 1/28

HB 1287: Concerning preparedness for a zero emissions transportation future.

- Directs state agencies to plan for a zero emissions transportation future by mapping charging and refueling infrastructure, ensuring utilities plan for electricity generation and delivery from growing adoption and usage of electric vehicles, and requiring state building codes that support the anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use.
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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.

