

WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2021



for the
**Washington State
Senate**

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.

Senate Committee Action



SUPPORT

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology*
Executive Session
Thursday, 1/21

SB 5008: Extending the business and occupation tax exemption for amounts received as credits against contracts with or funds provided by the Bonneville power administration and used for low-income ratepayer assistance and weatherization.

- Re-establishes a B&O tax exemption for BPA-credited funds to utilities to reimburse for efficiency programs, as long as the amount that would otherwise be owed in taxes is used for the purposes of low-income ratepayer assistance and weatherization.



SUPPORT

*Senate Housing &
Local Government*
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5042: Concerning the effective date of certain actions taken under the growth management act.

- Delays the de-designation of farmland, expansion of urban growth areas, or changes to LAMIRDs until after the appeal process has concluded if the action is appealed.
- Supports judicial consistency by preventing development or changes to occur that could be later found illegal under the Growth Management Act.



SUPPORT

SB 5141: Implementing the recommendations of the environmental justice task force.

- Developed with input from communities statewide, this bill creates a definition of environmental justice, clear goals for addressing health disparities in

Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology
Public Hearing
Wednesday, 1/20

overburdened communities, and improves state programs to better serve the public.

- Part of the environmental community's [Partnership Agenda](#).



SUPPORT

Senate Agriculture,
Water & Natural
Resources
Public Hearing
Thursday, 1/21

SB 5159: Concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes by the department of the fish and wildlife.

- Makes permanent the payment of WDFW PILT payments through the Treasurer—aligning the program with DNR's PILT program.
- Public ownership of critical lands is one important tool to achieve conservation; stability of PILT payments better supports counties in hosting state lands.

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 almost two decades, 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.

