

WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 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](mailto: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.

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## Senate Committee Action



### SUPPORT

*Senate Environment,  
Energy & Technology*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/26

#### **SB 5022: Concerning the management of certain materials to support recycling and waste and litter reduction.**

- Bans use of certain expanded polystyrene products, requires plastic beverage containers to achieve recycled content standards, and requires utensils, cup lids, straws and condiments be “on request.”
- Helps reduce plastic pollution on land and in our waters, and improves our recycling system.



### OPPOSE

*Senate Environment,  
Energy & Technology:*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/26

#### **SB 5125: Affirming the process for disposing of dredged materials for federal navigation channel maintenance and improvement.**

- Creates an exemption under the state Shoreline Management Act (SMA) for dredging and disposal in federal navigation channels.
- The SMA is not onerous and this bill would take away state authority unnecessarily.



### SUPPORT

*Senate Agriculture,  
Water & Natural  
Resources*  
Executive Session

#### **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.



**OPPOSE**

*Senate Environment,  
Energy & Technology:*  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, 1/27

**SB 5168: Concerning renewable and nonemitting resources analysis and advisory opinions.**

- Undercuts a main premise of the Clean Energy Transformation Act, the use of renewables and non-emitting resources, before current rulemaking on that issue is finished.
  - Inserts an “advisory opinion” process for proposed projects under CETA, but leaves out important parts of the existing EIA advisory opinion process that protects the public; also overrides recently adopted rules for energy transformation project compliance.
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**SUPPORT**

*Senate Environment,  
Energy & Technology*  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, 1/27

**SB 5174: Providing for the recycling of wind turbine blades.**

- Establishes producer responsibility program for recycling wind turbine blades.
  - While this bill looks towards the future, even now some blades are damaged or reached their end-of-life and are piling up or going to landfills.
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**SUPPORT**

*Senate Transportation:*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/26

**SB 5192: Supporting access to electric vehicle supply equipment.**

- Creates a consumer protection framework to ensure current and future electric vehicle infrastructure is accessible, reliable, and works for everyone.
  - Sets standards so you know how *much* you're paying for fuel, *how* you're paying for fuel, that you're receiving the fuel that you pay for, and that the infrastructure is going to work for you when you need it to.
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**SUPPORT**

*Senate Agriculture,  
Water & Natural  
Resources*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/26

**SB 5220: Concerning the taxation of salmon recovery grants by updating the state business and occupation tax deduction for these grants, creating a sales and use tax exemption for grant proceeds received by recipients of these grants, and clarifying the sales and use tax obligations for goods and services purchased by recipients of these grants.**

- Establishes that public grant funding received by nonprofit organizations for habitat restoration would not be subject to retail sales tax.
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**SUPPORT**

*Senate Agriculture,  
Water & Natural  
Resources*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/26

**SB 5273: Concerning the replacement of shoreline armoring.**

- Provides landowners more information to make the best and most responsible decisions on replacing shoreline armoring.
  - Hard shoreline armoring is a significant problem for salmon and orca recovery.
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**OPPOSE**

Senate Environment,  
Energy & Technology:  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/26

**SJM 8001: Requesting various entities assist state and local governments in Washington with monitoring and mitigating PFAS contamination of surface water and groundwater.**

- While the spirit of this memorial is good, it undermines current policy direction and activity here in Washington by wrongly concluding that coordination rather than regulation will lead to better solutions, even though PFAS have widely contaminated drinking water, communities, and people because there was virtually no regulation on the chemicals for more than 70 years.
- The way to protect the health of communities is to set strong regulations that establish cleanup and drinking water standards; require aggressive monitoring and testing; hold polluters accountable; and, prevent new PFAS contamination.

*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.

