

WEEK OF MARCH 29, 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](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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## House Committee Action



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 3/30

**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 overburdened communities, and improve state programs to better serve the public.
- Part of the environmental community’s [Partnership Agenda](#).



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 3/30

**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.

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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.

