

WEEK OF APRIL 19, 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

Appropriations:
Possible Executive
Action

SB 5126: Concerning the Washington climate commitment act.

- The Climate Commitment Act puts a price on carbon pollution, caps emissions, reduces pollution over time, and includes several key provisions to address longstanding sources of pollution in overburdened communities in a way that includes direct community engagement and guidance.
- The climate crisis requires bold and decisive action and this bill takes a significant step forward as part of a thorough and multifaceted approach to meeting our climate goals.
- This bill was strengthened in the House Environment Committee, and we look forward to continuing the work with legislators to ensure its final passage.



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SB 5192: Supporting access to electric vehicle supply equipment.

- Creates a consumer protection framework that will help ensure current and future electric vehicle infrastructure is accessible, reliable, and works for everyone.
- Establishes 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.

House Concurrence Action



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

- 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.
- It is critical that this priority policy passes in a strong form that provides long-term certainty for clean fuels investors. The current version of the bill requires amendments to re-strengthen the policy.
- One of three [environmental community priorities](#) for 2021.



HB 1168: Concerning long-term forest health and the reduction of wildfire dangers.

- Establishes dedicated fund account used for wildfire response, forest restoration, and community resilience in the face of fire and smoke.
- Establishes forest health workforce development initiative; directs use of environmental justice/equity tools as a factor in funding recommendations.



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](#).

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.

