

WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2022



for the  
**Washington State**  
House of Representatives

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a coalition of over twenty leading environmental groups who lobby in Olympia on a regular basis and organize around a set of priority bills each legislative session. As in the past, we will be sending you this weekly "Hot List" to assist you in your efforts to promote this common agenda.

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 those found on the Hot List each week. The Hot List can also be found [here](#). Thank you.

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## House Floor Action



**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

**HB 1099: Improving the state's climate response through updates to the state's comprehensive planning framework.**

- Requires the ten largest/fastest growing communities to plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions/vehicle miles traveled according to state goals.
- Requires all cities and counties to plan for resiliency.

## House Committee Action



**SUPPORT**

*House  
Rural Development,  
Agriculture &  
Natural Resources:  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/18*

**HB 1661: Conserving and restoring kelp forests and eelgrass meadows in Washington state.**

- Directs DNR to develop a kelp forest and eelgrass health and conservation plan, which the agency should do with Tribal Nations and other agencies like WDFW.
- Kelp forests and eelgrass meadows provide important habitat for juvenile salmon and other aquatic species.



**HB 1672: Concerning local property tax levies for conservation futures.**

**SUPPORT**

*House Finance:*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/18

- Removes conservation futures property tax levies from the 1 percent revenue growth limit, empowering county councils who choose to restore their CFP rate.
- With increased land and stewardship costs, the 101% limit on annual levy growth harms conservation opportunities.
- Conservation Futures Program (CFP) allows counties to generate funds to permanently protect open space, farmland, forestland, and trails, and are a critical source of match for other programs.



**SUPPORT**

*House Environment  
& Energy:*  
Public Hearing  
Tuesday, 1/18

**HB 1682: Concerning a compliance pathway specific to emissions-intensive, trade-exposed businesses for achieving their proportionate share of the state's emissions reduction limits through 2050.**

- Establishes a no-cost allowance trajectory for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed (EITE) facilities post-2035 under the Climate Commitment Act, with an allocation of 88% of the facility's carbon intensity baseline in 2035 and reducing by 6% below the preceding year through 2050.
- Ensures that all sectors, including industry, do their fair share in meeting GHG reduction requirements while protecting the integrity of CCA's cap.



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:*  
Public Hearing  
Monday, 1/17

**HB 1700: Concerning sustainable funding for the derelict vessel removal account using the vessel watercraft excise tax.**

- Ensures stable funding for DNR to prevent vessels from becoming derelict and remove those that have already become derelict.
- Derelict vessels are responsible for habitat loss and water quality problems in Puget Sound and other waters of the state.



**SUPPORT**

*House Environment  
& Energy:*  
Possible Executive  
Session

**HB 1767: Concerning the authority of publicly owned electric utilities to engage in targeted electrification through the adoption of plans that establish a finding that utility outreach and investment in the conversion of its customers' end use equipment from fossil fuels to electricity will provide net benefits to the utility (Targeted Electrification).**

- Clarifies public utilities have the authority to provide incentives to their customers to acquire efficient, electric home heating systems, regardless of their current fuel source, and that low-income and vulnerable communities benefit from electrification programs.
- This would provide public utility customers with access to programs and incentives that investor-owned utilities can already offer.



**SUPPORT**

*House  
Local Government:*  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, 1/19

**HB 1770: Strengthening Energy Codes.**

- Develops a voluntary reach energy code for new residential construction for jurisdictions to optionally adopt, providing another tool to reduce energy use and carbon emissions.
- Updates the state's energy code goals to include a deadline by which all new construction should be "net zero ready."



**SUPPORT**

*House Environment  
& Energy:  
Public Hearing  
Thursday, 1/20*

**HB 1799: Concerning organic materials management.**

- Sets goal to reduce organic material (yard waste, food waste, etc.) to our landfills and to divert edible food to food rescue programs.
- Includes components to facilitate this diversion including increasing collection of organic material, siting of facilities, and reducing contamination.



**SUPPORT**

*House  
Rural Development,  
Agriculture &  
Natural Resources:  
Public Hearing  
Wednesday, 1/19*

**HB 1838: Protecting, restoring, and maintaining habitat for salmon recovery (The Lorraine Loomis Act)**

- Requires corridors along rivers and streams to have trees tall and wide enough to provide shade and the cool water salmon need. The bill also includes a grant program to assist landowners as well as monitoring, oversight, and adaptability to apply lessons learned.
- The Lorraine Loomis Act is the culmination of a multi-year effort with Native Nations and the state to respond to the urgent threat of salmon extinction.
- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2022.



**SUPPORT**

*House  
State Government &  
Tribal Relations:  
Public Hearing  
Thursday, 1/20*

**HB 1918: Reducing emissions from outdoor power equipment.**

- Exempts zero-emission outdoor power equipment from the use tax, levies a 6.5% additional air quality improvement tax on fossil fuel-powered outdoor power equipment, and requires state agencies and local governments to lead the way through a zero-emission purchase requirement beginning 2025.
- Fossil-fueled outdoor power equipment causes significant pollution: using a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour creates as much smog-forming and health-harming pollution as driving a Toyota Camry 1,100 miles.

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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.

