



for the
**Washington State
Senate**

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 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.

Senate Committee Action



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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5543: Concerning a zero-emission landscaping equipment incentive program.

- Establishes a zero-emission landscaping equipment incentive and exchange pilot program to assist residents and landscapers in transitioning from the use of gasoline or diesel-powered landscaping equipment to new all-electric landscaping equipment.
- 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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Session

SB 5585: Setting domestic wastewater discharge fees.

- Eliminates an outdated funding cap that restricts state wastewater work and sets up a collaborative process to work with local governments on a new fee structure.



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SB 5598: Concerning sustainable funding for the derelict vessel removal account using the vessel watercraft excise tax.

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- 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.



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SB 5619: 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.



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*Senate Agriculture,
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Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/18*

SB 5637: Increasing forest practices fees to pay for program implementation costs and a new online system for forest practices review.

- Makes modest increases to select forest practice applications to provide funding for better information systems for applicants and transparency tools for the public.



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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:
Public Hearing
Wednesday, 1/19*

SB 5666: 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.



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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*

SB 5697: Renewing Washington's recycling system and reducing waste (RENEW Act).

- Establishes an extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper products, as well as targets and other components to reduce waste and improve recycling.
- Washington's recycling rates have been on a downward trend since 2011. This bill would modernize our recycling system.
- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2022.

Public Hearing,
Tuesday, 1/18

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.

