



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 Floor Action



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

SB 5042: Concerning the effective date of certain actions taken under the growth management act (Closing the Sprawl Loophole)

- Stops the loss of farmland, expansion of urban growth areas, or changes to LAMIRDs until after a ruling by the Growth Management Hearings Board.
- Provides certainty to cities for capital facilities as they are forced to provide urban services for these actions.
- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2022.

Senate Committee Action



OPPOSE

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*

*Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/25*

SB 5525: Allowing persons to take immediate action to remedy water quality conditions.

- Prevent the Department of Ecology from conducting appropriate enforcement actions associated with water quality violations.



SUPPORT

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

SB 5590: Eliminating the 2022 expiration date of the marine resources advisory council.

- Removes the 2022 expiration date of Marine Resources Advisory Council (MRAC) and makes the council permanent.
- The MRAC does important work on ocean acidification threats.



SUPPORT

*Senate Agriculture,
Water, Natural
Resources & Parks:*
Possible Executive
Session

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.



OPPOSE

*Senate Agriculture,
Water, Natural
Resources & Parks:*
Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/25

SB 5721: Consolidating natural resource management under the commissioner of public lands.

- Consolidates natural resource agencies and programs into the Department of Natural Resources, which will disrupt current and future program work, create more bureaucracy and uncertainty, and cause confusion.



SUPPORT

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

SB 5842: Concerning state laws that address climate change.

- Establishes an office of climate policy and accountability to support reducing climate pollution as required under Washington's greenhouse gas emissions limits.
- Makes small, technical changes to the Climate Commitment Act for clarity.



OPPOSE

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Public Hearing
Tuesday, 1/25

SB 5857: Concerning dedicating funding from the model toxics control accounts for pollution cleanup, water flow management, water supply, and aquatic resource protection.

- Adds expensive water management projects to the already stretched MTCA funding accounts and eliminate the growth factor built into the hazardous substance tax and approved by the legislature in 2019.
- For nearly 35 years, MTCA has successfully focused funding on cleaning up toxic sites, preventing pollution, and providing public participation grants.



SB 5882: Clarifying the existence of riparian stock watering rights.

OPPOSE

*Senate Agriculture,
Water, Natural
Resources & Parks:*
Public Hearing
Thursday, 1/27

- Attempts to clarify the right of ranchers to allow their stock to drink from streams but likely to create confusion and lead to litigation.
- State agencies have called for a collaborative process to resolve this matter.



SUPPORT

*Senate Agriculture,
Water, Natural
Resources & Parks:*
Public Hearing
Thursday, 1/27

SB 5885: Concerning Marine Shoreline Habitat.

- Establishes an ongoing survey of Puget Sound shorelines to identify shoreline structures such as bulkheads, docks, and piers that are unpermitted or abandoned and which cause harm to critical habitat.
- Requires that, when landowners replace shoreline structures, the replacement structure meets the same technical standards that are required of new structures.

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.

