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for the  
**Washington State  
Senate**

Senators,

We will send "Special Supplemental Hot Lists" when hugely important bills to the environmental community rise to the level of needing special focus. For our first "Special Supplemental Hot List" of 2022, **SB 5042 – Closing the GMA Sprawl Loophole**, rises to that level. See below for details.

Please feel free to contact me at [clifford@ctassociates.org](mailto:clifford@ctassociates.org) if you have any questions.

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## Senate Floor Action

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

- As you may be aware, we have made SB 5042 one of our highest priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session.
- Prevents development from occurring based on illegal land use actions taken by the counties.
- 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.
- Promotes fiscal responsibility as urban services are required even if the action is deemed illegal preventing increased strain on city resources.



**SUPPORT**

*Possible Floor Vote*

Close the  
**GMA Sprawl  
Loophole**



*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 almost two decades, 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.

