



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 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.

House Floor Action



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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.
- Provides public utility customers with access to programs and incentives that investor-owned utilities can already offer.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

HB 1810: Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic products in a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable manner to increase access to appropriate and affordable digital products, support small businesses and jobs, and enhance digital connectivity in Washington state (Right to Repair).

- Requires digital electronic product manufacturers to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.

- Extends the life of computers, tablets and cellphones; Decreases the need for more resources, energy, and transportation to manufacture new products – therefore also decreasing greenhouse gas.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

HB 1896: Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries.

- Creates an extended producer responsibility program for batteries, provides for convenient and responsible recycling statewide, and incentivizes manufacturers to make batteries that last longer or are easier to recycle.
- Ensures proper handling, recycling, and end-of-life management of used batteries; mishandled batteries pose a safety risk to workers and may ignite fires at solid waste handling facilities.

House Committee Action



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House Finance:
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1814: Expanding equitable access to the benefits of renewable energy through community solar projects.

- Establishes a new community solar incentive program for the purpose of providing direct benefits to low-income subscribers for projects located on preferred sites.
- Sets a statewide total cap of \$20 million for the Community Solar Expansion Program incentive payments.



SUPPORT

House Finance:
Public Hearing, 2/17

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.



Transportation for All



SUPPORT

HB 2119: Addressing transportation resources (Move Ahead Washington).

- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2022.
- \$3 billion in transit funding, including \$1.45 for transit support grants, youth fare free, and a new Tribal Transit Grant Program.
- \$1.27 billion for active transit, including increases in safe routes to school and a new program for connecting communities to address the past harms of the transportation system on communities.
- \$3 billion in maintenance and preservation of our current system.
- Investments from the Climate Commitment Act funding that reduces carbon emissions.
- This package is the cleanest transportation revenue package in state history.



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

- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2022.
- 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.



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House
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing, 2/17



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Public Hearing, 2/17

SB 5722: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in buildings.

- Expands the data reporting and energy management planning requirements of the Clean Buildings Act to smaller commercial buildings and to multi-family buildings.
 - Provides building owners access to robust technical and financial assistance, with priority to under resourced buildings.
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House Environment &
Energy:
Public Hearing, 2/18

SB 5842: Concerning state laws that address climate change.

- Makes small, technical changes to the Climate Commitment Act for clarity.

about the coalition

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over 25 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.

