



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 Committee Action



SUPPORT

House Appropriations:
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1103: Improving environmental and social outcomes with the production of building materials (Buy Clean, Buy Fair).

- Creates a much-needed reporting system to provide information on the carbon intensity, toxicity, and treatment of workers related to certain categories of structural building materials.
- Part of the environmental community’s [Partnership Agenda](#).



SUPPORT

House Finance:
Possible Executive
Session

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

- 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:*
Possible Executive
Session

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

- Establishes a no-cost allowance trajectory for EITE facilities post-2035 under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), 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.



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*House
Appropriations:*
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1694: Concerning logistical processes for the regulation of priority chemicals in consumer products.

- Steps up action on toxic PFAS chemicals in products such as apparel and firefighter turnout gear, and makes improvements to the state's landmark law—Safer Products for Washington.
- Urgent action on PFAS is needed now so that we can reverse the trends of PFAS contamination in drinking water, [breast milk](#), and communities.



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House Appropriations:
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1717: Concerning tribal participation in planning under the growth management act.

- Establishes clear GMA protocols and processes to respect and uphold the sovereignty of tribal nations.
- Adds protection of cultural resources to regional planning processes, in collaboration with those Federally recognized Tribes who are invited and choose to accept the invitation.



SUPPORT

*House
Local Government:*
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1782: Creating additional middle housing near transit and in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing.

- Lifts widespread restrictions on modest infill (or "Missing Middle") housing in most cities within Washington's urban growth areas, including duplexes in smaller cities and up to four or six-plexes allowed near major transit stops in the largest cities.
- Missing middle housing is an essential tool for stopping urban sprawl, creating affordable home choices near jobs and transit, and addressing our housing crisis.



SUPPORT

*House
Environment & Energy:*

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.

Possible Executive Session

- Includes components to facilitate this diversion including increasing collection of organic material, siting of facilities and reducing contamination.



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House
Environment & Energy:
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.



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House
Environment & Energy:
Possible Executive
Session

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.



SUPPORT

House Transportation:
Public Hearing
Thursday, 2/3

HB 2026: Implementing a per mile charge on vehicles.

- Begins phase-in of a per mile fee for vehicle use on public roadways, and waives existing fees for electric and hybrid-electric vehicle registration.
- A road usage charge would generate transportation revenue not restricted to highway purposes, allow for progressive rates, and serve as a more equitable means than the gas tax to fund transportation needs as vehicles become more efficient and electrify.

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.

