



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



SUPPORT

*Senate Housing &
Local Government:*
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1117: Promoting salmon recovery through revisions to the state's comprehensive planning framework.

- Integrates salmon recovery into the Growth Management Act and creates a new “net ecological gain” standard.
- Removes silos between land use and salmon recovery in an effort to improve the health and function of watersheds around the state.



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

HB 1280: Concerning greenhouse gas emissions reductions in the design of public facilities.

- Requires that the lifecycle costs of greenhouse gas emissions be assessed when designing or renovating a public facility so incorporation of low-carbon systems is adequately studied.
- Directs public agencies to consider all-electric energy systems when designing major publicly-owned or leased facilities.



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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*

HB 1619: Concerning appliance efficiency standards.

- Sets and updates energy efficiency standards for common consumer products, saving consumers money on utility bills.

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Session



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Session

HB 1660: Concerning accessory dwelling units.

- Supports development of more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by capping impact fees, lifting renter bans, legalizing the separate sale of an ADU, and superseding future HOA agreements.
 - Creates one of the strongest statewide ADUs policies in the nation.
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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1663: Reducing methane emissions from landfills.

- Reduces methane emissions in Washington by requiring owners or operators of certain landfills to install methane gas capture systems and to collect gas at an extraction rate that complies with surface methane emission limits.
 - Landfills are a significant source of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas with a far larger short-term impact than CO².
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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
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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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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.
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*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
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HB 1770: Strengthening energy codes.

- Develops a voluntary reach energy code for new residential construction for jurisdictions to optionally adopt, providing another tool to reduce energy use and carbon emissions.
 - Updates the state's energy code goals to include a deadline by which all new construction should be "net zero ready."
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Senate Law & Justice:
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1793: Concerning electric vehicle charging stations in common interest communities.

- Prohibits homeowners' associations and similar communities from placing unreasonable restrictions on the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for their complexes or neighborhoods.
- Access to electric vehicle charging is key to reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and allowing choice for vehicle owners.



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

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



Transportation for All

SB 5689 / SB 5975: Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. / Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.

- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2022.
- This transportation package is the cleanest transportation revenue package in state history.



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Senate Transportation:
Possible Executive
Session

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.

