



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 5585: Setting domestic wastewater discharge fees.

- Eliminates an outdated funding cap that restricts state wastewater work and sets up a collaborative process to work with local governments on a new fee structure.



OPPOSE

Possible Floor Vote

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

- 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

Possible Floor Vote

SB 5895: Concerning timing restrictions for remedial action grants to local government.

- Makes a small technical fix to MTCA to avoid funding disruptions that could unnecessarily delay important cleanup projects.

Senate Committee Action



SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:
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.
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SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5703: Concerning the use and disclosure of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products.

- Phases out PFAS, formaldehyde, and other toxic chemicals in cosmetics and requires testing of products marketed to women of color who may have [higher exposures](#) to chemicals found in beauty products.
 - Unnecessary use of PFAS and other harmful chemicals in personal care products and cosmetics threatens health and contaminates waterways.
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SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5793: Concerning stipends for low-income or underrepresented community members of state boards, commissions, councils, committees, and other similar groups.

- Creates a stipend program and child/adult care reimbursement to support individuals who volunteer their time to serve on a state-formed council, board, commission or other group.
 - The perspectives and expertise of community members who are impacted by state policies and laws are invaluable to better serving the public as a whole.
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SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:
Possible Executive
Session

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.
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SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:
Possible Executive
Session

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.
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SB 5903: Providing multimodal transportation options at drive-up services.



SUPPORT

Senate Transportation:
Possible Executive
Session

- Allows multimodal transportation alternatives (ex. biking, walking) to access publicly or privately-operated drive-up services.
- Non-drivers should have equal access to drive-up services, including everything from COVID immunization to late night fast food.

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.

