



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](mailto: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.

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## House Floor Action



Close the  
**GMA Sprawl Loophole**

### **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.



**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Vote



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### **SB 5585: Setting Domestic Wastewater Fees.**

- Lifts the decades old cap on fees charged to municipal wastewater facilities to ensure that administrative costs of developing and implementing wastewater permits are recovered by the Department of Ecology.
- Helps Ecology meet obligations under state and federal clean water laws.



**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Vote

**SB 5590: Eliminating the 2022 expiration date of the marine resources advisory council.**

- Extends the work of the Marine Resources Advisory Council (MRAC) until 2032.
- MRAC does important work on ocean acidification threats.



**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Vote

**SB 5634: Updating the utilities and transportation commission's regulatory fees.**

- Updates the fees that the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) can collect.
- The UTC manages many of the rulemakings and implementation associated with Washington State's clean energy transition.



**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Vote

**SB 5842: Concerning state laws that address climate change.**

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



Transportation for All

**SB 5974 / SB 5975: Addressing transportation resources. / 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.



**SUPPORT**

Possible Floor Vote

## House Committee Action



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:*  
Possible Executive  
Session

**SB 5411: Establishing a programmatic safe harbor agreement on forestlands for northern spotted owls.**

- Authorizes DNR to enter into a voluntary federal programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement for Northern Spotted Owls with USFWS.
- These types of agreements allow for an overall increase of habitat on the landscape, due in part to preventing the need for "panic harvesting" of trees once they reach a certain age.



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:*  
Possible Executive  
Session

**SB 5619: Conserving and restoring kelp forests and eelgrass meadows in Washington state.**

- Develops a plan to protect and restore kelp forests and eelgrass meadows, which provide important habitat for juvenile salmon and other aquatic species.



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:*  
Possible Executive  
Session

**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.



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:*  
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.

*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.

