



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



Transportation for All



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

Move Ahead Washington Must be Acted on Before Sine Die

- Passage of a transportation revenue package is one of the environmental community’s top 4 priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session.
- \$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.

Senate Committee Action



SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:

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

Public Hearing, 3/7

- 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 \$100 million for the Community Solar Expansion Program incentive payments.



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Senate Ways & Means:
Public Hearing, 3/7

HB 1918: Reducing emissions from outdoor power equipment.

- Exempts zero-emission outdoor power equipment from the use tax.
- 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.



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Senate Ways & Means:
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5543: Concerning a zero-emission landscaping equipment incentive program.

- Provides a business & occupation tax credit for sales of discounted, new all-electric lawn equipment.
- 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.



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Senate Ways & Means:
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5967: Imposing a state climate resiliency and mitigation surcharge on large financial institutions financing the global fossil fuel industry while recognizing the financial institution industry's efforts to address climate change.

- Imposes a very modest climate resilience and mitigation surcharge on institutions that invest and finance more than \$1 billion in fossil fuels.
- Funds generated by the surcharge are used for important climate resilience work and projects.

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.

