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for the
Washington State
Senate

Senators,

We will send “Special Supplemental Hot Lists” when hugely important bills to the environmental community rise to the level of needing special focus. For our third “Special Supplemental Hot List” of 2022 in the Senate, **HB 1770 – Strengthening Energy Codes**, rises to that level. See below for details.

Please feel free to contact me at clifford@ctassociates.org if you have any questions.

Senate Floor Action

HB 1770: Local Option for Residential Codes.

- Advances a key component to decarbonize our building sector.
- Develops a voluntary “local option” reach energy code for new residential construction for jurisdictions to optionally adopt, providing another tool to reduce energy use and carbon emissions.
- By allowing cities to opt into more stringent energy codes for residential buildings, we can accelerate energy efficiency measures and reduce building emissions on a faster timeline.
- This is critical given buildings have an average lifespan of 50-100 years.
- Local jurisdictions are already allowed to adopt stronger energy codes for commercial buildings, so this bill would ensure consistency across all building types.
- Although the bill has been significantly reduced in scope since its inception, this is still a very important bill for the Environmental Priorities Coalition.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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 almost two decades, 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.

