

Hot List for the

Washington State Senate

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty leading environmental groups in Washington that influence policy at the state level. Our coalition prepares a weekly Hot List as a regular communication for legislators detailing our positions on *our highest priority issues* for the upcoming week.

Please feel free to contact me at clifford@ctassociates.org if you have any questions. The Hot List can also be found [here](#) – along with an archive of previous Hot Lists.



SB 6147
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Senate Committee Action

SB 6213: Concerning certain expanded polystyrene products.

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Public Hearing on Monday, February 10th*

- Bans expanded polystyrene food service products, coolers, and packing materials.
- Adequate substitutes for these polystyrene products exist that are far less harmful to the environment.

SB 6488: Concerning aerial herbicides in forestlands.

SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means: *Public Hearing on Monday, February 10th*

- Evaluates non-chemical alternatives to pesticide use on forestlands.
- Provides clarification on the standards to protect adjacent landowners and communities from aerial pesticide exposure.

Senate Floor Action

SB 6147: Concerning the replacement of shoreline armoring.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Requires consideration of environmentally friendly armoring when replacing an existing bulkhead.

SB 6228: Restoring voter eligibility for all persons convicted of a felony offense who are not in total confinement under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Automatically restores voting rights to individuals no longer in confinement.
- Historically, these individuals have been excluded from voting because the current language is ambiguous, leading to further disenfranchisement.

SB 6278: Concerning water withdrawals for commercial bottled water productions.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Effectively prohibits issuance of water rights permits for water bottling plants.
- Prevents new water bottling plants from proliferating in Washington State, effecting small rural community water supplies necessary for both agriculture and threatened salmon species.

SB 6313: Increasing opportunities for young voters.

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Possible Floor Vote

- Allows young people turning 18 by Election Day (but 17 on the day of the primary) to vote.

SB 6528: Concerning the prevention of derelict vessels.

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Possible Floor Vote

- Enhances DNR's derelict vessel program, offering new tools to prevent harm and improve enforcement of existing laws.
- Derelict vessels often capsize releasing oil and other toxic waste into Puget Sound and other bodies of water.

SB 6628: Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases.

SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Updates Clean Air Act to allow Department of Ecology to regulate greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production or distribution of fossil fuel products.

