



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 Committee Action



Transportation for All

**HB 1786 / HB 2118: Making supplemental transportation appropriations for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium. / 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**

*House Transportation:*  
Possible Executive  
Session



**SUPPORT**

*House Finance:*  
Possible Executive  
Session

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

- 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 \$20 million for the Community Solar Expansion Program incentive payments.



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**

*House  
Environment & Energy:  
Possible Executive  
Session*



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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**

*House  
Rural Development,  
Agriculture & Natural  
Resources:  
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.



**SUPPORT**

*House Appropriations:  
Public Hearing, 2/22*

**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**

House

Environment & Energy:

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.



**SUPPORT**

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Environment & Energy:

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

State Government &

Tribal Relations:

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.



**SUPPORT**

House

Environment & Energy:

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.



**SUPPORT**

House

Capital Budget:

Public Hearing, 2/24

**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.

*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.

