

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022



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 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.

House Floor Action

HB 1663: Reducing methane emissions from landfills.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Reduces methane emissions in Washington by requiring owners or operators of certain landfills to install methane gas capture systems and to collect gas at an extraction rate that complies with surface methane emission limits.
- Landfills are a significant source of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas with a far larger short-term impact than CO².

HB 1694: Concerning logistical processes for the regulation of priority chemicals in consumer products.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Steps up action on toxic PFAS chemicals in products such as apparel and firefighter turnout gear, and makes improvements to the state's landmark law—Safer Products for Washington.
- Urgent action on PFAS is needed now so that we can reverse the trends of PFAS contamination in drinking water, [breast milk](#), and communities.

HB 1717: Concerning tribal participation in planning under the growth management act.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

- Establishes clear GMA protocols and processes to respect and uphold the sovereignty of tribal nations.

- Adds protection of cultural resources to regional planning processes, in collaboration with those Federally recognized Tribes who are invited and choose to accept the invitation.
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HB 1767: Concerning the authority of publicly owned electric utilities to engage in targeted electrification through the adoption of plans that establish a finding that utility outreach and investment in the conversion of its customers' end use equipment from fossil fuels to electricity will provide net benefits to the utility (Targeted Electrification).

- Clarifies public utilities have the authority to provide incentives to their customers to acquire efficient, electric home heating systems, regardless of their current fuel source, and that low-income and vulnerable communities benefit from electrification programs.
 - Provides public utility customers with access to programs and incentives that investor-owned utilities can already offer.
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HB 1810: Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic products in a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable manner to increase access to appropriate and affordable digital products, support small businesses and jobs, and enhance digital connectivity in Washington state (Right to Repair).

- Requires digital electronic product manufacturers to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.
- Extends the life of computers, tablets and cellphones; Decreases the need for more resources, energy, and transportation to manufacture new products – therefore also decreasing greenhouse gas.

House Committee Action



HB 1782: Creating additional middle housing near transit and in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing.

- Lifts widespread restrictions on modest infill (or "Missing Middle") housing in most cities within Washington's urban growth areas, including duplexes in smaller cities and up to four or six-plexes allowed near major transit stops in the largest cities.
 - Missing middle housing is an essential tool for stopping urban sprawl, creating affordable home choices near jobs and transit, and addressing our housing crisis.
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HB 1799: Concerning organic materials management.

SUPPORT

House Appropriations:
Possible Executive
Session

- Sets goal to reduce organic material (yard waste, food waste, etc.) to our landfills and to divert edible food to food rescue programs.
 - Includes components to facilitate this diversion including increasing collection of organic material, siting of facilities and reducing contamination.
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**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.
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**SUPPORT**

House Appropriations:
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1896: Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries.

- Creates an extended producer responsibility program for batteries, provides for convenient and responsible recycling statewide, and incentivizes manufacturers to make batteries that last longer or are easier to recycle.
 - Ensures proper handling, recycling, and end-of-life management of used batteries; mishandled batteries pose a safety risk to workers and may ignite fires at solid waste handling facilities.
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about the coalition

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty 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.

