



for the  
**Washington State**  
House of Representatives

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a coalition of over twenty-five 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 Conservation Action, previously known as Washington Environmental Council & 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



*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Possible Executive  
Session*

### **HB 1047: Concerning the use of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products.**

- Bans PFAS, formaldehyde, lead and other harmful chemicals in personal care products and cosmetics that threaten health and disproportionately impact women of color.
- Requires the hazards of other cosmetic ingredients to be assessed and provides incentives for small businesses to transition to safer products.



*House Committee on  
Housing: Public  
Hearing, Tuesday, 1/17*

### **HB 1110: Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing**

- Allows for 4 units per lot in all cities over 6,000 and all cities within a contiguous UGA that has a city of 200,000 in population – provides for an additional 2 units when affordable to 80% AMI and below and allows for 6 units within .5 mile of a major transit stop.
- Local jurisdictions can set development regulations similar to those of detached single-family homes and must abide by critical areas requirements.



*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Public Hearing,  
Tuesday, 1/17*

**HB 1131 (The WRAP Act): Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes**

- **One of the 4 environmental community priorities for 2023**, this bill modernizes Washington's recycling system, including incorporating a beverage redemption system and post-consumer recycled content mandates.
- Reduces excess packaging, increases recycling, refill and reuse, creates a uniform recycling list, and reduces costs for local governments and ratepayers.



*House Committee on  
State Government &  
Tribal Relations:  
Possible Executive  
Session, Wednesday,  
1/18*

**HB 1158: Encouraging electoral participation and making ballots more meaningful by abolishing advisory votes.**

- Advisory votes do not provide accurate information on policies that require polluters to pay and provide resources to invest in solutions to problems like toxic pollution, climate change, and many more.



*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Public Hearing,  
Monday, 1/16*

**HB 1166: Improving climate resiliency through the development of a water quality trading program for recipients of national pollutant discharge elimination system general permits.**

- Water quality trading is already an option under the federal Clean Water Act. Because reducing temperature in rivers that are too hot requires growing trees, the state's resources are best used directly on tree-planting programs - the known solution.



*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Public Hearing,  
Monday 1/16*

**HB 1170: Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.**

- Updates statewide, inter-agency strategy for addressing climate risks and improving resilience of communities and ecosystems.
- Climate resilience and natural climate solutions are eligible for funding under the Climate Commitment Act and clear state authority will strengthen how the CCA is implemented.



*House Committee on  
Postsecondary  
Education &*

**HB 1176: Developing opportunities for service and workforce programs to support climate-ready communities.**

- Establishes Washington climate corps network to support climate-related service opportunities for young adults and veterans.
- Establishes a clean energy technology workforce advisory committee to support the expansion of clean energy economy.



House Committee on  
Local Government:  
Public Hearing,  
Tuesday, 1/17

**HB 1181: Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework**

- **One of the 4 environmental community priorities for 2023**, this bill requires the largest/fastest growing communities to plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions/vehicle miles traveled according to state goals.
- Requires all GMA planning counties to address resiliency and plan for natural hazards such as wildfires, flooding, sea level rise, and drought.



House Committee on  
Agriculture & Natural  
Resources Public  
Hearing, Wednesday,  
1/18

**HB 1215: Concerning the protection and restoration of riparian areas.**

- Protecting and restoring riparian areas near streams and rivers is critical to maintaining cool water for salmon.
- Revitalizing and growing riparian grant programs, including Centennial and Salmon Recovery Funding, will help address the salmon crisis and the crucial need for funding.

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*about the coalition*

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of over twenty-five 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.

