



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 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 Committee Action



*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Possible Executive
Session, Thursday, 1/26*

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
Environment & Energy:
Possible Executive
Session, Monday 1/23*

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.



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

House Committee on
Postsecondary
Education &
Workforce: Possible
Executive Session

- 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.



SUPPORT

House Committee on
Local Government:
Possible Executive
Session, Tuesday, 1/24

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.



SUPPORT

House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Monday, 1/23

HB 1185: Reducing environmental impacts associated with lighting products

- Phases out the sales of mercury-containing light bulbs in WA and expands existing producer stewardship program to include most light bulbs
- Would reduce exposure to fluorescent bulbs and tubes that contain mercury (a potent neurotoxin) and increase recycling of bulbs



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House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Monday, 1/23

HB 1314: Reassessing standards for polychlorinated biphenyls in consumer products

- Directs Ecology to petition USEPA to reassess its PCB regulations under the toxic substances control act and to establish restrictions on the use of PCBs previously considered inadvertent in consumer products
- Addresses the problems of PCBs in products that impact humans and also get into the environment through disposal and recycling (specifically in discharges)



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House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Monday 1/23

HB 1329 - Preventing utility shutoffs for nonpayment during extreme heat.

- Climate change is responsible for more frequent extreme heat events, posing a major risk to public health and safety.
- This bill ensures that people have access to energy to run fans, air conditioners, and refrigeration to protect their health during extreme heat.



House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Tuesday, 1/24

HB 1391: Concerning energy in buildings

- Establishes an energy navigator program as a resource for residential and small commercial building owners and tenants looking to improve their energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The energy navigator service would facilitate finding energy audit services, identifying contractors, assist with securing financing, and income qualify residents for appropriate programs. It also requires community outreach to ensure clear education on funding opportunities.

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.

