## WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2023



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 <u>clifford@ctassociates.org</u> 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 <u>here</u>. Thank you.

## **House Committee Action**



The WRAP Act Priority

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.





HB 1282: Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.

House Committee on Capital Budget: Public Hearing, Thursday, 2/2

- Creates a reporting system for the carbon footprint of building materials, worker information, and other datapoints like health certifications.
- The information and database created under the bill will help the state leverage its purchasing power to procure climate smart building materials that support workers.



House Committee on

Environment & Energy:

Public Hearing,

Tuesday 1/31

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.



House Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing, Wednesday, 2/1

## HB 1392: Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic equipment

- Would require digital electronic product manufacturers to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.
- Extending the life of computers, tablets and cellphones will decrease the need for more resources, energy and transportation to manufacture new products therefore also decreasing greenhouse gas and lowering the costs for consumers.



HB 1416: Applying the affected market customer provisions of the Washington clean energy transformation act to nonresidential customers of consumer-owned utilities.

- House Committee on Environment & Energy: Public Hearing, Monday, 1/30
- Ensures that new large facilities that purchase their own electricity comply with the clean energy standards in the clean energy transformation act, regardless of where they are located.
- Current law only applies to large customers who discontinue service from an investor-owned utility, which only covers about half the state.

## 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.

