ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES COALITION



Washington State
Senate

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 <a href="mailto:clifford@ctassociates.org">clifford@ctassociates.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:here">here</a>. Thank you.

## **Senate Committee Action**



Senate Committee
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing, Friday,
1/20

SB 5093: 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.



Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources: Public Hearing, Thursday 1/19

### SB 5104: Requiring Regular Surveys of Puget Sound Shorelines.

- Utilizes new and improved technology to survey and map shorelines on a two-year cycle to identify shoreline conditions and structures such as bulkheads and docks.
- Will identify restoration opportunities and provide valuable information to state and local agencies on shoreline development.



Senate Committee on Environment & Energy: Public Hearing, Tuesday, 1/17 SB 5154 (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 Local Government, Land Use, & Tribal Affairs: Public Hearing, Tuesday 1/17 SB 5203: 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.



Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development: Public Hearing, Wednesday, 1/18

# SB 5247: 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.



Senate Committee on Environment & Energy: Public Hearing, Friday, 1/20

### SB 5287: Concerning a study on the recycling of wind turbine blades

- Directs WSU to conduct a study on the feasibility of recycling wind turbine blades installed in WA that generate electricity for distribution to customers
- Wind turbine blades have a life of 20-25 years and create a large amount of waste at landfills.

#### 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.





















































