



for the
**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 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.

Senate Committee Action



OPPOSE

*Senate Committee
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Friday, 1/27*

SB 5057: Creating a work group to evaluate the costs of the state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings.

- Delays implementation of the Clean Building Act, which sets benchmarking requirements and reasonable energy use targets for existing large commercial buildings.
- The Clean Buildings Act addresses the rapidly growing emissions of the existing buildings sector; delaying compliance will make it harder for Washington to meet its climate targets.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Ways and Means:
Possible Executive
Session*

SSB 5082: 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.



SB 5144: Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries

- Creates a product stewardship program for batteries

SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Tuesday, 1/24*

- Would provide convenient and easy recycling for batteries, help reduce fires in solid waste facilities due to Lithium-ion batteries, and reduce costs for local governments



OPPOSE

*Senate Committee
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Monday 1/23*

SB 5254: Concerning the leasing of state lands.

- This bill creates confusion because the Board of Natural Resources already has authority to create rules and approval processes for the leasing of state lands.
- It also diminishes existing authority by excluding agricultural and grazing leases from carbon sequestration opportunities.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Ways & Means: Public
Hearing, Tuesday, 1/24*

SB 5309: Eliminating the state public utility tax deduction for the instate portion of interstate transport of petroleum products and crude oil.

- Eliminates a public utility tax benefit for crude oil and petroleum products moving in the state.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Wednesday,
1/25*

SB 5369: 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)



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,*

SB 5372: Authorizing the department of natural resources to create and manage a trust land transfer program.

- Revitalizes a tool used to identify state trust lands that either do not have productive timber lands or would underperform economically and manage these lands for conservation, wildlife habitat, clean water, or recreational opportunities, all while ensuring the beneficiaries are made whole.

Natural Resources &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Thursday, 1/26

- When combined with funding, communities will have a stronger say in the future of state trust lands and open space, often near under-served or rapidly urbanizing areas.

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.

