

WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2023



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



*Senate Committee
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Monday, 1/30;
Executive Session
Thursday 2/2*

SB 5094: Adding a Climate Resiliency Element to Water System Plans

- Requires large water systems to plan for a range of climate change related impacts to drinking water supplies including loss of snow pack, drought, sea level rise, flooding, and failure of groundwater to recharge.
- This process will enable the state to become more resilient and will help identify capital projects necessary to protect our water supplies.



*Senate Committee
Transportation: Public
Hearing, Monday, 1/30*

SB 5112: Updating processes related to voter registration.

- Making these changes will improve access to voting, maintain public confidence in registering only eligible voters, and save time and money through automatic registration instead of through paper forms.

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.





*Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Executive Session,
Friday 2/3*



*Senate Committee on
Higher Education &
Workforce
Development: Possible
Executive Session,
Wednesday, 2/1*

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,
Tuesday, 1/31*

SB 5322: Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.

- 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.



*Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Tuesday, 1/31*

SB 5366: 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.



SB 5371: Protecting southern resident orcas from vessels.

- Establishes a 1,000-yard buffer around Southern Resident Killer Whales for all boaters, except for tribal commercial fishing and active commercial fishing vessels, as recommended by WDFW.

Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Monday, 1/30



Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Thursday, 2/2

SB 5390: Authorizing DNR to enter into a Spotted Owl Safe Harbor Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Allows completion of a Voluntary Safe Harbor Agreement for private landowners to grow and maintain spotted owl habitat without concern for regulatory restrictions.
- Incentivize an increase in older forests in key areas for spotted owls and other species while allowing landowners to meet their economic goals.



Senate Committee on
Early Learning & K-12
Education: Public
Hearing, Wednesday,
2/1

SB 5431: Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.

- Creates a zero-emission school bus grant program to support the transition to clean buses and protect children's health
- Requires that new school bus purchases starting in 2035 must be zero-emission



Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Tuesday 1/31

SB 5464: 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.

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.

