



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



Possible House Floor
Vote

HB 1047: Concerning the use of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products.

- The bill bans PFAS, formaldehyde, lead and other harmful chemicals in personal care products and cosmetics that threaten health and disproportionately impact women of color.
- The bill also requires the hazards of other cosmetic ingredients to be assessed and provides incentives for small businesses to transition to safer products.



The WRAP Act



HB 1131: The WRAP Act: Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes.

- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2023
- 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
Appropriations: Public
Hearing, Wednesday,
2/15



House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Executive Session,
Thursday, 2/16

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.



House Committee on
Capital Budget:
Executive Session,
Thursday, 2/16

HB 1282: 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.



House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1368: Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.

- Protects public health and contributes to fighting climate change by requiring school buses purchased after Sept. 1, 2035, to be a zero emissions vehicle.
- Provides funding assurances to help school districts, state-tribal compact schools, and charter schools to aid in the transition.



House Committee on
Local Government:
Public hearing,
Tuesday, 2/14

HB 1723: Concerning equity and environmental justice in the growth management act.

- Embeds equity and environmental justice across all other elements in the Growth Management Act.
- Aligns local planning with state environmental justice in the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act.



HB 1735: Adding net ecological gain as a voluntary element of comprehensive plans under the growth management act.

House Committee on
Environment and
Energy: Executive
Session, Monday, 2/13

- Better integrates salmon recovery and land use planning by ensuring that public projects improve conditions for future generations of salmon and people.



OPPOSE

House Committee on
Agriculture & Natural
Resources: Executive
Session, Friday, 2/17

HB 1740: Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.

- The current form of the bill weakens protections of forest lands in riparian areas by creating a new exemption to forest practice rules and reducing the duration of an easement under the program.



SUPPORT

House Committee on
Agriculture & Natural
Resources: Public
Hearing, Tuesday, 2/14.
Possible Executive
Session

HB 1789: Expanding revenue generation and economic opportunities from natural climate solutions and ecosystem services.

- Authorizes DNR to pursue carbon and other ecosystem service projects on state lands, creating a new revenue stream for beneficiaries, contribute to reducing carbon in the atmosphere, and improve environmental health.
- Clarifies DNR's ability to sell carbon storage and other ecological services to support win-win-win outcomes for forests, beneficiaries, and communities.

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.

