



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 on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Tuesday 2/14*

SB 5168: Modernizing the energy independence act to avoid regulatory duplication and overlap with other laws.

- Removes the renewable energy requirements that apply to electric utilities from the voter-approved Energy Independence Act, which could result in less non-hydroelectric renewable energy production in the near-term.
- Current law allows electric utilities that are 100% clean by 2030 to be in compliance with the Energy Independence Act.



SUPPORT

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

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.



SB 5517: Relating to enacting recommendations from the joint legislative task force on water mitigation.

OPPOSE

*Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural
Resources: Executive
Session, Thursday, 2/16*

- This bill will cause significant harm to instream flows that are necessary for salmon recovery.
- It comes at a time when salmon are already facing historic low flows likely due to climate change making it difficult or impossible for fish to get upstream to spawn.



OPPOSE

*Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural
Resources: Executive
Session, Thursday, 2/16*

SB 5622: Relating to the transfer of alternative water rights

- Reduces Department of Ecology oversight of water transfers
- This bill will harm instream flows necessary for the protection of threatened and endangered salmon



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Local Government, Land
Use & Tribal Affairs:
Possible Executive
Session*

SB 5651: 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.



OPPOSE

*Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Possible
Executive Session*

SB 5667: Concerning eligibility, enrollment, and compensation of small forestland owners volunteering for participation in the forestry riparian easement program.

- The current version 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 easement under the program.



OPPOSE

*Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Monday, 2/13.*

SB 5673: Concerning the forest practices board

- Dramatically changes the Forest Practices Board by removing the voting authority of agencies that provide essential expertise (Commerce, Ecology, and Agriculture).



*Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:*
Possible Executive
Session

SB 5688: Providing carbon sequestration and ecosystem services in the management of public lands.

- 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.
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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.

