



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
Ways and Means:
Public Hearing,
Monday, 2/6*

SB 5104: Relating to Surveying Puget Sound Marine Shoreline Habitat

- Will establish an on-going survey of Puget Sound Shorelines to ensure that we have the data to make informed decisions on the management and restoration of Puget Sound shorelines.
- This data will help in efforts to recover salmon and orcas now listed as threatened and endangered.



*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy, &
Technology: Executive
Session, Tuesday, 2/7*

SB 5144: Providing for responsible environmental management of batteries

- Creates a product stewardship program for batteries
- 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



Planning for a Climate
Friendly Future



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Local Government,
Land Use & Tribal
Affairs: Possible
Executive Session,
Thursday 2/9*

SB 5203: Improving the state's response to climate change by updating the state's planning framework.

- One of four [environmental community priorities](#) for 2023.
- 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.



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*Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Possible Executive
Session, Friday, 2/10*

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.



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*Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, and
Parks: Possible
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Thursday, 2/9*

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.



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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

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recreational opportunities, all while ensuring the beneficiaries are made whole.

- 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.



OPPOSE

Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Natural
Resources: Public
Hearing, Monday 2/6

SB 5517: Relating to enacting recommendations from the Jt Legislative Task Force on Water Mitigation

- 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



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Affairs: Public Hearing,
Tuesday 2/7

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.
- Align local planning with state environmental justice in the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act.



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Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Thursday, 2/9

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

- 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.



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Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing, Friday,
2/10

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.

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.

