

WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2023



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](mailto: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.

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## House Committee Action



*House Committee on  
State Government &  
Tribal Relations:  
Possible Executive  
Session*

### **ESSB 5058: Encouraging electoral participation and making ballots more meaningful by abolishing advisory**

- 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.



*House Committee on  
State Government &  
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Session*

### **E2SSB 5112: Updating processes related to voter registration.**

- Provides automatic voter registration when a person seeks a driver's license, making voter registration more accessible.



*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Public Hearing,  
Tuesday, 3/14*

**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



*House Committee on  
Agriculture & Natural  
Resources: Public  
Hearing, Wednesday,  
3/15. Possible  
Executive Session*

**ESSB 5371: Protecting southern resident orcas from vessels.**

- Establishes a 1,000-yard buffer around Southern Resident orcas to allow the whales to feed and navigate waters more freely – an important strategy to support orca recovery.

*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.

