

WEEK OF MARCH 27, 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



**SUPPORT**

*House Committee on  
Appropriations: Public  
Hearing, Thursday,  
3/30*

### **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.



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### **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



## 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.

House Committee on  
Agriculture & Natural  
Resources: Possible  
Executive Session

### *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.

