WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2023



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 <u>clifford@ctassociates.org</u> 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 <u>here</u>. Thank you.

Senate Floor Action



Possible Senate Floor

Vote

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 Ways & Means: Public Hearing, Wednesday,

Senate Committee Action

SB 5057: Creating a work group to evaluate the costs of the state energy performance standard for covered commercial buildings.

- Delays implementation of 2019's Clean Buildings Act, which sets reasonable energy use targets for existing large commercial buildings.
- The Clean Buildings Act addresses the rapidly growing emissions of the existing buildings sector; delaying compliance will make it harder for Washington to meet its climate targets.

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2/22



Senate Committee on Ways and Means Committee: Possible Executive Session SB 5093: Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.

- Updates statewide, inter-agency strategy for addressing climate risks and improving resilience of communities and ecosystems.
- Climate resilience and natural climate solutions are eligible for funding under the Climate Commitment Act and clear state authority will strengthen how the CCA is implemented.



SSB 5322: Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.

- Senate Committee on Ways & Means: Public Hearing, Wednesday, 2/22
- 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.

SUPPORT	 SB 5466: Promoting transit-oriented development. Requires all cities to allow for multifamily development around station areas and set minimum allowances for those station areas that cities may not restrict.
Senate Committee on Transportation: Executive Action, Tuesday, 2/21	 Removes parking requirements of local jurisdictions around station areas, but does not set a maximum. Allows for station areas consistent with the locally adopted comprehensive plan to be exempt from SEPA appeals.
SUPPORT	 SB 5651: Concerning equity and environmental justice in the growth management act. Embeds equity and environmental justice across all other elements in the

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Senate Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs: Possible Executive Session • Aligns local planning with state environmental justice in the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act.



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

Senate Committee on Environment & Energy: • 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.

Possible Executive Session

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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.

