

WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2023



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](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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## Senate Budget Priorities

This year, the environmental community has two Priorities on the budget. The proposed Senate operating budget includes funding that may be under threat and should be retained.



**Invest in Climate Action**



**Invest in Climate Action:** Ensure Climate Commitment Act spending reduces carbon pollution, prioritizes frontline communities, and upholds tribal sovereignty.

- **SUPPORT** \$80 million for carbon storage and sequestration on state public lands.
- **SUPPORT** funding for DNR to develop a natural and working lands carbon strategy to support carbon sequestration work across the landscape, including aquatic lands.
- **SUPPORT** funding for Ecology to develop a natural and working lands carbon strategy to support carbon sequestration work across the landscape, including aquatic lands.



### Invest in Salmon Habitat



**Invest in Salmon Habitat Priority:** Enhance funding for essential salmon habitat work to support salmon recovery statewide.

- **SUPPORT** funding for critical analyses (energy replacement, irrigation) related to Snake River habitat.

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## Senate Committee Action



*Senate Committee on  
Ways & Means: Public  
Hearing, Tuesday, 3/28*

### **SHB 1047: Concerning the use of toxic chemicals in cosmetic products.**

- The bill bans PFAS, formaldehyde, formaldehyde releasers, lead and other harmful chemicals in personal care products and cosmetics that threaten health and disproportionately impact women of color.
- The bill also requires the hazards of other cosmetic ingredients to be assessed and provides incentives for small businesses to transition to safer products.



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

### **HB 1085: Reducing plastic pollution**

- Phasing out refill fountains in new construction and hotel plastic-packaged mini-toiletries such as shampoos, lotions and soap.
- Phasing out the use of egregious foam-filled floats that are used for docks and studying the rest. When they age, they crack and start leaking foamed plastic



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

### **HB 1176: Developing opportunities for service and workforce programs to support climate-ready communities.**

- Establishes Washington climate corps network to support climate-related service opportunities for young adults and veterans.
- Creates a clean energy technology workforce advisory committee to support the expansion of clean energy economy.



### Planning for a Climate Friendly Future



**SUPPORT**

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

#### **HB 1181: 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 cities and counties to plan for resiliency and to address the impacts of climate change in land use plans.



**SUPPORT**

*Senate Committee on  
Ways & Means: Public  
Hearing, Tuesday, 3/28*

#### **ESHB 1282: Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.**

- Helps the state leverage its purchasing power to reward climate-smart manufacturers and producers of building materials like engineered wood products, steel, and concrete.



**SUPPORT**

*Senate Committee on  
Environment, Energy, &  
Technology: Public  
Hearing, Tuesday, 3/28*

#### **HB 1392: Promoting the fair servicing and repair of digital electronic equipment**

- Would require digital electronic product manufacturers to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.
- Extending the life of computers, tablets and cellphones will decrease the need for more resources, energy and transportation to manufacture new products – therefore also decreasing greenhouse gas.
- Would lower costs for consumers, get used computers, tablets and cell phones into the hands of people who need them, and help overcome digital inequities in Washington.



**SUPPORT**

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

#### **HB 1460: 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 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.



#### SUPPORT

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

#### **HB 1578: Improving community preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience to wildland fire health and safety impacts in areas of increasing population density, including in the wildland urban interface.**

- Strengthens our state's wildfire resilience tools, including decadal wildfire risk assessments, evacuation strategies, and debris flow programs.
- Expands the successful "Wildfire Ready Neighbors" program to the westside of the state, where wildfire risks are increasing as well.

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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.

