

WEEK OF MARCH 20, 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 Committee Action



*Senate Committee on  
Environment, Energy, &  
Technology: Executive  
Session, Tuesday, 3/21*

### **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  
Housing: Possible  
Executive Session*

### **HB 1110: Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing.**

- Requires all cities between 25,000-75,000 to allow duplexes on all lots and fourplexes around community amenities.
- Requires all cities over 75,000, or the largest city and adjoining cities in the 6 largest counties, to allow 4-plexes on all lots and 6-plexes with 2 affordable.



### **HB 1170: Improving climate resilience through updates to the state's integrated climate response strategy.**

## SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on  
Environment, Energy &  
Technology: Possible  
Executive Session*

- Updates statewide, inter-agency strategy for addressing climate risks and improving resilience of communities and ecosystems.
- Strengthens requirements for agencies to consider climate impacts in funding and activities and improves cross-agency coordination of state response to federal climate resilience funding opportunities.



## SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on  
Ways & Means: Public  
Hearing, Tuesday, 3/21*

### **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: Public  
Hearing, Thursday, 3/23*

### **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  
Environment, Energy, &  
Technology: Possible  
Executive Session*

### **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

### **HB 1329: Preventing utility shutoffs for nonpayment during extreme heat.**

- Climate change is responsible for more frequent extreme heat events, posing a major risk to public health and safety.

*Senate Committee on  
Environment, Energy, &  
Technology: Public  
Hearing, Tuesday, 3/21*

- Guarantees that people have access to energy to run fans, air conditioners, and refrigeration to protect their health during extreme heat.



*Senate Committee on  
Environment, Energy, &  
Technology: Public  
Hearing, Wednesday,  
3/22*

**HB 1391: Concerning energy in buildings.**

- Establishes an energy navigator program as a resource for residential and small commercial building owners and tenants looking to improve their energy use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The energy navigator service would facilitate finding energy audit services, identifying contractors, and assist with securing financing for appropriate programs. It also requires community outreach to ensure clear education on funding opportunities.



*Senate Committee on  
Ways & Means: Public  
Hearing, Thursday, 3/23*

**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.



*Senate Committee on  
Natural Resources &  
Parks: Public Hearing,  
Monday, 3/20*

**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.

*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.

