

WEEK OF MARCH 6, 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 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.

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.



Possible Senate Floor
Vote

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

Senate Committee Action



*Senate Committee
Environment, Energy, &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Friday, 3/10*

HB 1033: Evaluating compostable product usage in Washington.

- Creates a taskforce that would make policy recommendations to the legislators, so that we can move quickly toward developing a statewide policy.
- A consistent statewide policy will help us get more food waste to compost facilities rather than the landfill.



*Senate Committee
Environment, Energy, &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Friday, 3/10*

HB 1085: Reducing plastic pollution.

- Requiring refill fountains in new construction and phasing out hotel plastic-packaged mini-toiletries such as shampoos, lotions and soap. Instead, hotels can use wall-mounted or similar bulk dispensers.
- Phasing out the use of foam-filled floats that are used for docks. When they age, they crack and start leaking foamed plastic.



*Senate Committee
Environment, Energy, &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Friday, 3/10*

HB 1170: 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
- 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.



*Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Thursday, 3/9*

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.

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.

