



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. We established three to be our highest priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session, as listed [here](#). 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  
Environment & Energy:*  
Executive Session,  
Monday, 1/29

#### **HB 1185: Reducing environmental impacts associated with lighting products.**

- Phases out the sales of mercury-containing light bulbs in WA and extends existing producer stewardship program and shifts financial responsibility to manufacturers.
- Would reduce exposure to fluorescent bulbs and tubes that contain mercury (a potent neurotoxin) and ensure safe recycling of bulbs



### SUPPORT

*House Committee on  
Appropriations:*  
Executive Session,  
Monday, 1/29

#### **HB 1368, 100% Clean School Buses: Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.**

- [One of the 3 environmental community priorities for 2024](#)
- Sets the state on a transition to 100% clean school buses through new bus purchase requirements.
- Research shows that switching to zero emission school buses improves kids' health and performance in school.



#### SUPPORT

*House Committee on  
Energy & Environment:  
Possible Executive  
Session*

### **HB 2070, CURB ACT: Integrating environmental justice considerations into certain project decisions.**

- Existing laws lack provisions to consider the historical context of environmental racism, overlooking the cumulative health risks and burdens faced by communities.
- The bill incorporates consideration of health-affecting pollutants currently overlooked by existing law.



#### SUPPORT

*House Committee on  
Appropriations: Public  
Hearing, Thursday, 2/1.  
House Committee on  
Appropriations:  
Executive Session,  
Saturday 2/3*

### **HB 2049, The Re-WRAP Act: Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes**

- [One of the 3 environmental community priorities for 2024](#)
- Modernizes Washington's recycling system, including post-consumer recycled content mandates.
- Reduces excess packaging, increases recycling, refill and reuse, creates a uniform recycling list, and reduces costs for local governments and makes recycling free for residents across the state.



#### SUPPORT

*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Executive Session,  
Tuesday, 1/30*

### **HB 2051: Reducing emissions from small off-road engines.**

- Incentivizes zero emission outdoor power equipment and adopts emission standards for new equipment starting in 2027.
- Fossil-fueled outdoor power equipment causes significant pollution: using a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour creates as much smog-forming and health-harming pollution as driving a Toyota Camry 1,100 miles.



#### SUPPORT

*House Committee on  
Environment & Energy:  
Executive Session,  
Tuesday 1/30*

### **HB 2301: Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems**

- Addresses composting and other management of organic (yard and food waste) in order to divert the material from the landfill and avoid methane gas generation.
- Reduces food waste and feeds hungry people by providing technical assistance, a grant program, and task force.



#### SUPPORT

### **HB 2401: Providing for the responsible management of refrigerant gases with a higher global warming potential than carbon dioxide that are used in appliances or other infrastructure.**

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*House Committee on  
Energy & Environment:  
Executive Session,  
Monday 1/29*

- Provides a bounty payment for recovering fluorinated refrigerant gases, which are 2000-4000 times more potent than CO2 at warming the planet. About 80% of HFCs in the US are illegally vented at the end of life.
- This bill provides the missing link to incentivize HFC recovery as the EPA phases out new chemical production and requires the HVAC and refrigerant industry to use reclaimed gas.



**SUPPORT**

*House Committee on  
Transportation: Public  
Hearing, Monday 1/29*

**HB 2456: Ensuring Connectivity for Washington's Wildlife Through Safe Passages**

- Directs WSDOT and WDFW to implement an action plan for building wildlife crossing structures over and under highways to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and protecting key habitat corridors throughout the state.
- Creates two accounts to fund the work.

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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.

