WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2024



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 <u>here</u>. 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.

House Committee Action



House Committee on

Appropriations: Public

Hearing, Thursday, 1/11

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

- <u>One of the 3 environmental community priorities for 2024</u>
- 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.



House Committee on Consumer Protection & Business: Public Hearing, Friday, 1/12 HB 1933: Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner

- 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 and lowering the costs for consumers.



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

House Committee on Environment & Energy: Public Hearing, Tuesday, 1/9

- 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

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

House Committee on Environment & Energy: Public Hearing, Thursday, 1/11

SUPPORT

- 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.

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.

