WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 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, they are listed below. 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>. The three priorities for the 2024 legislative session are the following:





Senate Committee on Local Government, Land Use & Tribal Affairs: Public Hearing, Tuesday, 1/16 SB 6029: Establishing limitations on detached accessory dwelling units outside urban growth areas.

- Will increase rural population without a requirement to mitigate impacts or plan for services
- Will harm the environment through unregulated water withdrawals impacts salmon and wildlife



Senate Committee on

Energy, Environment &

Technology: Public

Hearing, Wednesday,

1/17

HB 6052, Holding Oil Companies Accountable: Concerning petroleum products supply and pricing.

- One of the 3 environmental community priorities for 2024
- Creates transparency around gasoline prices by requiring oil companies to share information with a watchdog team at the UTC.
- Provides the state with new tools and information to hold oil companies accountable for any pricing misbehavior or greenwashing.



House Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing, Friday, 1/19

SB 6113: Concerning fair access to community solar.

- Establishes a community solar program aimed at increasing access to solar energy projects connected to the electric grid, providing subscribers a community solar credit on their monthly utility bill that represents the value of their subscription's energy generation.
- Requires that 50% of the subscribers benefitting from the bill savings be lowincome individuals, families, or agencies serving those in greatest need.

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.

