



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. 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 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](#). The three priorities for the 2024 legislative session are the following:

Senate Committee Action



OPPOSE

*Senate Committee on
Ways & Means: Public
Hearing, Monday 1/22*

SSB 5517: Enacting recommendations from the joint legislative task force on water resource mitigation.

- This bill will cause significant harm to instream flows that are necessary for salmon recovery.
- It comes at a time when salmon are already facing historic low flows likely due to climate change making it difficult or impossible for fish to get upstream to spawn.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Energy, Environment &
Technology: Executive
Session, Friday 1/26*

SB 5931: An act relating to addressing 6PPD in motorized vehicle tires through safer products for Washington.

- [Washington researchers](#) uncovered a toxic chemical used in tires, called 6PPD, as the culprit causing death of spawning coho salmon in urban streams.
- The amendment offered by Senator Lovelett (4111.1) narrows the scope of the original bill and avoids unintended consequences by: making 6PPD a priority chemical; including motorized vehicle tires for highway vehicles as a priority product; and directing the Department of Ecology to make regulatory determinations under the state's Safer Products law.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Energy, Environment &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Tuesday, 1/23*

SB 6005 - 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

*Senate Committee on
Agriculture, Water,
Natural Resources, &
Parks: Public Hearing,
Thursday, 1/25*

SB 6143: Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.

- Requires Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop guidelines to assist local government with planning relative to salmon recovery
- Requires local governments to adopt guidelines into comprehensive plans



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Tuesday, 1/23*

SB 6180: 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 contamination of compost by phasing out plastic produce stickers, standardizes the three-bin colors across the state, and more



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Transportation: Public
Hearing, Tuesday, 1/23*

SB 6237: 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 and protecting key habitat corridors throughout the state.
- Creates two accounts to fund the work.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public*

SB 6276: 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 and manufacturers of wheelchairs, appliances, and tractors to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.
 - Extends the life of computers, tablets and cellphones, farm equipment, wheelchairs, and appliances and decreases the need for more resources,
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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.

