



for the
Washington State
Senate

Washington state's Environmental Priorities Coalition (EPC) is made up of more than twenty-five leading environmental groups who lobby in Olympia on a regular basis and organize to advance a set of priority bills each legislative session. The EPC established three to be its highest priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session, and they are listed [here](#). As in the past, we will send you this weekly "Hot List" to assist you in your efforts to promote this important 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](#).

Senate Committee Action



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Possible Public Hearing.*

2SHB 1391: Concerning energy in buildings.

- An energy upgrade navigator program will help Washingtonians access heating, cooling, and efficiency upgrades to save money, improve health and safety, and reduce pollution in homes and workplaces.



SUPPORT

*Senate Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Executive Session,
Friday 2/16.*

ESHB 1589: Gas Utility Decarbonization

- Requires Puget Sound Energy to proactively plan to meet statutory requirements to decarbonize its system and protect customers from higher costs.
- Without this bill, PSE may continue planning its gas system to be reliant on fossil fuels indefinitely, resulting in stranded assets.



SUPPORT

ESHB: 1932: Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation.

Senate Committee on
Government & Elections:
Public Hearing, Friday
2/16

- Will give local communities the freedom to switch their elections to even years, when people are already thinking about voting in federal and state elections.
- This one change could as much as double turnout, and ensure voters of color and young voters are heard in local elections.



E2SHB: 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.

Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Public
Hearing, Wednesday
2/14

- 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.
- 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. Manufacturers will pay into an extended producer responsibility program which will pay technicians to do the right thing: recover used gas and return it for cleaning and reuse.

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.

