



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



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*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Executive
Session, Tuesday 2/20*

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.



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*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Executive
Session, Wednesday
2/21*

ESHB 1282: Requiring environmental and labor reporting for public building construction and renovation material.

- Creates a database to help the state leverage its purchasing power in order to reward manufacturers and producers of climate smart building materials that support workers.



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*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Executive
Session, Wednesday
2/21*

2SHB 1391: Concerning energy in buildings.

- Helps Washington residents navigate and access the many state and federal funding opportunities for home upgrades including energy efficiency improvements and clean electric heating, cooling, and cooking equipment.
- Creates a one-stop shop and funds community outreach, technical assistance, and a contractor network.



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*Senate Committee on
Early Learning & K-12
Education: Public
Hearing, Monday 2/19*

HB 1368: Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses.

- [One of the three environmental priorities this session.](#)
- 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.



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*Senate Committee on
Government & Elections:
Executive Session,
Tuesday 2/20*

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

- 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.



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*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Executive
Session, Tuesday 2/20*

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 to divert the material from the landfill and avoid methane gas generation.
- Reduces food waste and feed hungry people by providing technical assistance, a grant program, and task force.



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*Senate Committee on
Environment, Energy &
Technology: Executive
Session Tuesday 2/20*

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.

- 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.

