



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 Floor Action



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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.



SUPPORT

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.

Possible Floor Vote

- Research shows that switching to zero emission school buses improves kids' health and performance in school.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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.



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Possible Floor Vote

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.

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.

