## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024



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 <u>here</u>. 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 <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>.

## **Senate Floor Action**



**Possible Floor Vote** 

SB 5931: Addressing 6PPD in motorized vehicle tires through safer products for Washington.

- Designates 6PPD as a priority chemical and motorized vehicle tires as a priority consumer product under Safer Products for Washington (SPWA).
- Requires the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to determine regulatory actions and adopt rules to implement those regulatory determinations consistent with the existing SPWA process.



Possible Floor Vote

SSB 6062: Concerning the authority of the department of natural resources to lease trust assets for the benefit of trust beneficiaries and the state.

- Department of Natural Resources does not, under current statute(s), have the authority to dispose of by lease or sale, their water rights. DNR has the authority to lease lands – forest, mineral, agricultural, or sand/gravel, etc. Nowhere is water referenced.
- Would facilitate Dept. of Natural Resources to give itself the authority to lease "trust assets" (e.g. water) that DNR solely defines and decides when and if they shall be "temporarily available" for use on non-state land. This is a significant shift in water right law, enabling the state to execute water leasing contracts on lands that have yet to meet their instream and ground water minimums.



**Possible Floor Vote** 

## SB 6163: Concerning biosolids

- Requires Ecology to set up sampling or testing requirements for toxic PFAs ("forever chemicals") in biosolids being spread on farms and forest lands
- PFAS are used to waterproof textiles and other materials and thus get into our wastewater treatment facilities from upstream sources

## 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.

