WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025



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 four to be our highest priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session, as listed <u>here</u>. 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 <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>.

House Committee Action



House Committee on

Environment & Energy:

Executive Session,

Tuesday, 2/11

HB 1150: The Recycling Reform Act: Improving Washington's solid waste management outcomes

- One of the 2025 top 4 environmental priorities.
- Modernizes Washington's recycling system, making recycling accessible for all.
- Reduces excess packaging (including plastic), increases recycling, refill and reuse, creates a uniform recycling list, and reduces costs for local governments and residents across the state



HB 1303: Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.

• The Cumulative Risk Burden (CURB) Pollution Act reduces pollution by considering cumulative health risks and prioritizes protections to the most impacted communities.

House Committee on Environment & Energy: Executive Session, Tuesday, 2/11



House Committee on Environment & Energy: Executive Session, Thursday, 2/13

HB 1420: Establishing producer responsibility for textiles

- Sets up an extended producer responsibility program for apparel and textiles and restricts toxic PFAS chemicals in textile products.
- Modeled after recent law passed in California and emphasizes repair and reuse in addition to recycling, to help reduce the large textile waste problem.



House Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans: Executive Session, Tuesday, 2/11

HB 1483: Supporting the servicing and right to repair of certain products with digital electronics in a secure and reliable manner

- Requires digital electronic product manufacturers, to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.
 - Reduces the amount of e-waste and makes it possible for small businesses to repair these items, bringing better access across the state and extending the life of computers, tablets and cellphones, and household appliances



HB 1550: Improving the end-of-life management of electric vehicle batteries

- Modeled after a 2024 New Jersey EV battery bill, this would set up a program so that EV Batteries are responsibly recycled and repurposed.
- House Committee on Environment & Energy: Public Hearing, Monday, 2/10
- It is important capture the critical minerals in batteries and ensure that all batteries are captured and recycled.



- HB 1563: Establishing a prescribed fire claims fund pilot program.
 - Encourages more prescribed fire by certified burn managers and cultural fire practitioners, which can improve forest health and protect communities from catastrophic wildfires.
 - Part of the environmental community's Partnership Agenda for 2025.

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Public Hearing, Wed, 2/12. Executive Session, Friday 2/14



House Committee on Environment & Energy: Executive Session, Tuesday, 2/11

SUPPORT

House Committee on

Consumer Protection:

Public Hearing, Friday,

2/14

HB 1670: Increasing transparency regarding sewage-containing spills

- One of the 2025 top 4 environmental priorities.
- Dozens of sewage spills occur every year and few are widely reported to the general public.
- It's time that Washington joins South Carolina and Massachusetts and ensures that the public has access to timely information on sewage spills across the state.

HB 1721: Concerning manufacturers and vehicle dealers.

- Makes it easier for Washingtonians to access zero-emission vehicles by allowing for direct sales by zero-emission vehicle manufacturers
- Creates a zero-emission vehicle technician training and infrastructure grants program. Eight in ten Washingtonians want the freedom to choose where they buy a zero-emission vehicle

SUPPORT

HB 1825: Concerning Grizzly Bear Management

- This bill removes a prohibition on the Department of Fish and Wildlife from participating fully in grizzly bear recovery efforts in the North Cascades.
- Passing this legislation will allow the Department to help move bears into the North Cascades from other parts of the U.S. and Canada.

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources: Public Hearing, Friday 2/14

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.





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