



for the
Washington State
House of Representatives

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 [here](#). 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 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](#).

House Committee Action



SUPPORT

*House Committee on
Local Government:
Public Hearing,
Wednesday 2/5*

HB 1458: Reducing embodied carbon emissions of buildings and building materials.

- Provides three alternatives for reducing the embodied carbon in very large commercial buildings by 1. Reusing part of an existing building, 2. Using lower-carbon materials, or 3. Designing the building to reduce emissions through a lifecycle assessment (already common for large construction projects).
- Establishes a goal to reduce embodied carbon by 30% in new construction of very large commercial buildings starting in 2032 through updates to building codes.



SUPPORT

*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Executive Session,
Tuesday, 2/4*

HB 1462: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.

- Helps Washington adapt to the national phasedown of hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerant gases and limit climate pollution by stimulating reclamation and reuse of HFCs. Guides the long-term transition to more affordable and climate-friendly alternative refrigerants.
- Rep. Duerr's amendment addresses stakeholder concerns and reduces implementation costs.



SUPPORT

*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Executive Session,
Thursday, 2/6*

HB 1497: Organics management: Improving outcomes associated with waste material management systems

- Addresses composting and other management of organic (yard and food waste) in order to divert the material from the landfill and avoid methane gas generation.
- Includes enhanced education, standardized color-coded collection bins and lids, a pathway for bringing organics collection to more multi-family buildings, support for food waste reduction efforts in K-12 schools and more.



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*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Executive Session,
Thursday 2/6*

HB 1514: Encouraging the deployment of low carbon thermal energy networks.

- Brings thermal energy companies under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Utilities and Transportation Commission with certain exemptions.
- Requires electric utilities to incorporate thermal energy networks into planning.



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*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Thursday, 2/6*

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.
- It is important capture the critical minerals in batteries and ensure that all batteries are captured and recycled.



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*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing,
Thursday, 2/6*

HB 1630: Concerning livestock methane emissions.

- HB 1630 addresses methane emissions from dairies and feedlots, requiring owners or operators to report their annual methane emissions to the Department of Ecology.
- By closing gaps in data, the bill aims to better quantify the agricultural sector's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, supporting Washington's climate goals.



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*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing, Tuesday,
2/4*

HB 1652: Reducing environmental impacts associated with the operation of certain ocean-going vessels.

- This bill would reduce environmental impacts from ships that use "Scrubbers" by requiring a switch to low-sulfur fuels. HB 1651 will require all ships in Washington waters to use emission-compliant low-sulfur fuels to comply with the North American Emission Control Area requirements.
- This will eliminate ships' use of exhaust gas cleaning systems, better known as scrubbers, that discharge toxic contaminants into the waters of the state.



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*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing, Tuesday,
2/4*

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.



SUPPORT

*House Committee on
Environment & Energy:
Public Hearing, Monday,
2/3*

HB 1673: Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.

- Establishes the Washington Electric Transmission Office (Office) within the Department of Commerce to, among other duties, support upgrading and expanding the electric transmission system.
- The policy continues to be improved, but the bill is an important step forward to support delivery of clean electricity.

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.

