





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.

Senate Committee Action



Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Transportation: Public Hearing, Friday, 2/7 SB 5033: Concerning sampling or testing of biosolids for PFAS chemicals.

- Establishes a monitoring program for PFAS (i.e., the forever chemicals) in biosolids from wastewater treatment facilities.
- Biosolids are spread in forests and on farms and this bill helps understand the potential concentrations of these bioaccumulating toxic chemicals.



Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Executive Session, Friday 2/7

SB 5174: Concerning wood burning devices.

Grants the Department of Ecology authority to adopt or amend rules: (1) implementing federal emission standards for certain wood burning devices, (2) establishing state emission standards and certification procedures for certain wood burning devices, and (3) setting state emission standards and other requirements for residential home heating devices burning solid fuels other than wood or pellet fuel.



SB 5236: Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases used for anesthetic purposes.

Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Executive Session, Friday, 2/7 Requires Ecology, in consultation with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), to report to the Legislature on statutory changes necessary to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from using anesthetic gases by October 1, 2026.



Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce: Executive Session, Tuesday, 2/4

5377: Concerning auto sales.

- Prohibits direct sales by vehicle manufacturers, including zero-emission vehicle makers
- Would stifle zero-emission vehicle sales in Washington



Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing, Wednesday, 2/5

SB 5423: 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.



Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing, Tuesday, 2/4

SB 5445: Encouraging utility investment in local energy resilience.

Allows utilities to be compliant with the Energy Independence Act if they
invest in resilience projects - instead of purchasing new non-hydroelectric
renewable electricity and energy conservation.



Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing, Friday, 2/7

SB 5450: 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.



Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology: Public Hearing, Friday, 2/7

SB 5519: 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. It 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.



Senate Committee on Labor & Commerce: Public Hearing, Tuesday, 2/4

SB 5592: 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.

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.





















































