WEEK OF MARCH 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 Floor Action



Possible Floor Vote

SHB 1303: Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions.

• Integrating environmental justice into SEPA improves the law by requiring agencies to analyze how proposed actions would prioritize vulnerable populations, equitably distribute resources, and eliminate harm.



HB 1409: Concerning the clean fuels program.

- The Clean Fuel Standard cuts climate pollution from transportation the largest source of greenhouse gases in Washington through reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuels and increasing the use of low-carbon fuels and electricity.
- HB 1409 strengthens the program, providing for more investment in clean fuels.

Possible Floor Vote



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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.

HB 1710: Concerning compliance with the Washington voting rights act of 2018.

- Strengthens the Washington Voting Rights Act (WVRA) to require impartial preclearance of discriminatory election practices before implementation.
- Currently there is long and costly process to challenge election policies that disadvantage communities of color.



Possible Floor Vote

HB 1819: Increasing transmission capacity.

 Incentivizes improvements in our state's existing grid through streamlined permitting for transmission upgrades and utility planning and incentives for advanced reconductoring and grid enhancing technologies.



Possible Floor Vote

HB 1826: Establishing a right to repair for mobility equipment for persons with physical disabilities

- Requires manufacturers of powered wheelchairs and similar devices to make repair information, parts and tools available to independent repair businesses and owners.
- There is a lack of options for repair across the state and the wait time for repairs can be up to several months!

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

Possible Floor Vote

SUPPORT

our shared goals.

