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The [Environmental Priorities Coalition](#) is made up of 26 statewide environmental organizations working to safeguard Washington's environment and the health of our communities through policy and budget advocacy at the Washington State Legislature. During legislative session, we send you this weekly "Hot List" as a tool to easily identify environmental community priorities that are up for action in the coming week.

If you have any questions regarding our position on these bills or other bills affecting the environment, please reach out to state lobbyist Clifford Traisman at clifford@ctassociates.org.

House Committee Action



SUPPORT

House Appropriations:
[Public Hearing on
Wednesday, January 21](#)

HB 1607: Concerning recycling and waste reduction.

Beverage containers, a large component of our state's waste, litter Washington's freeways, our waterways, and our public spaces. Only 30% of beverage containers are currently recycled in the state.

A **2026 EPC Priority**, The Recycling Refund Act will reduce litter and increase recycling rates in Washington by incentivizing recycling and pulling beverage containers into a clean recycling stream separated from other materials. Consumers would pay a 10-cent deposit on most beverage containers and be refunded that 10 cents back when they bring containers to convenient drop-off locations to be recycled or reused.



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

House Environment & Energy:

Public Hearing on
Monday, January 19

This bill would require ships calling on Washington State ports to use low-sulfur fuels - a cleaner burning fuel that reduces air and water pollution. California and Connecticut have similar requirements.



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House Local Government:
Public Hearing on
Tuesday, January 20

HB 2103: Authorizing certain public entities to contract for the capability of renewable or nonemitting electric generation projects.

"Construction Work in Progress" provisions shift financial risk to ratepayers and lock in environmentally risky, failure prone projects, as shown by Washington's WPPSS nuclear debacle. Leaves ratepayers on the hook paying long into the future for canceled or unfinished projects.



SUPPORT

House Transportation:
Public Hearing on
Monday, January 19

HB 2134: Concerning regional transportation plans, of regional transportation planning organizations containing certain counties, providing for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

Requires regional transportation plans to reduce greenhouse emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

Aligns regional transportation plans with a previous EPC priority that added climate as an element of the GMA.



SUPPORT

House Environment & Energy:
Executive Session on
Thursday, January 22

HB 2245: Updating provisions for consumer-owned utilities, including port districts, and affected market customers under the clean energy transformation act.

Closes a loophole to ensure that electricity generators comply with CETA (100% clean electricity), including port district utilities and utilities with one customer. This ensures fair treatment and compliance with our climate laws.



SUPPORT

House Local Government:
Public Hearing on
Wednesday, January 21

HB 2267: Concerning urban forest management ordinances.

Supporting local governments with the development of a model urban forest management ordinance that helps communities find a healthy balance between housing and urban tree needs.



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HB 2301: Concerning extended producer responsibility requirements associated with paint.

This bill would add more types of paint-related products to be recycled under the existing paint program.

House Environment &
Energy:
[Public Hearing on](#)
Thursday, January 22

It is important for people to recycle paint products, rather than toss in the landfill.



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House Environment &
Energy:
[Public Hearing on](#)
Monday, January 19

HB 2367: Eliminating preferential treatment related to a coal-fired electric generating plant.

Clarifies that the state's last coal power plant shall comply with state climate laws, should it remain in operation.

Ends exemptions to WA state laws, including the CCA, GHG Emissions Performance Standard for power plants, and Sales & Use tax, for the TransAlta coal plant, which was scheduled to close at the end of 2025.



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House Environment &
Energy:
[Public Hearing on](#)
Tuesday, January 20

HB 2416: Concerning fair treatment of waste to energy facilities under the climate commitment act.

Allows the Spokane waste incinerator to be treated preferentially under our state's climate pollution framework and only reduce emissions 15% by 2050.

Spokane is recognized as one of the state's "overburdened communities," and this bill undercuts state climate targets, fails to protect human health, and is not how other electric generators or waste facilities are regulated.



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House Environment &
Energy:
[Public Hearing on](#)
Monday, January 19

HB 2421: Concerning 6PPD and regrettable 6PPD substitutes in tires.

The bill protects salmon and human health by phasing out 6PPD in tires by 2035 and by establishing a fee on vehicle tires to support a 6PPD mitigation fund. This bill incentivizes the industry to adopt safer solutions and prevent regrettable substitutes that are toxic to salmon and people.



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House Environment &
Energy:
[Public Hearing on](#)
Thursday, January 22

HB 2515: Addressing emerging large energy use facilities.

Protects affordability and the environment by requiring large new facilities to pay their full infrastructure costs, source clean electricity, and avoid shifting costs and risks onto everyday ratepayers.

A **2026 EPC Priority**, this bill improves public benefits by directing revenues to low-income energy assistance and efficiency improvements which lower bills and reduce energy use and pollution.

