

WEEK 5: FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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.

Senate Committee Action



OPPOSE

Senate Ways & Means:
Executive Session on
Monday, February 9

SB 5898: Directing the deposit of the proceeds from taxes on aircraft fuel to the aeronautics account.

Diverts funding to reduce toxic pollution and address oil spills and uses those dollars for aviation purposes.

Permanently reduces the amount of funding going to protect the environment, public health, and supporting communities most impacted by harmful pollution.



SUPPORT

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SB 5965: Reducing environmental impacts associated with bags provided to customers at retail establishments.

We need to act to upgrade the bag law, completely banning film plastic bags at checkout and increasing the charge for paper bags. Plastic bags are not able to be recycled in our current recycling system and are also a large component of litter and plastic pollution in the environment.



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SB 5971: Establishing a green fertilizer incentive program to support the production and adoption of low-carbon nitrogen fertilizer in Washington state.

The bill incentivizes fertilizer production using clean electrolytic hydrogen, which reduces emissions 80% in this hard-to-decarbonize industry. Incentives will help spur private financing to unlock federal tax credits for clean hydrogen production.



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SB 5975: Providing consumer access to safe cookware and interstate and international trade certainty in the regulation of lead in cookware.

This bill fails to prioritize children’s health by rolling back lead-in-cookware protections scheduled to take effect in 2028. A protective limit was agreed to last year in a bipartisan agreement. This bill goes too far and is not driven by any new data or evidence that the standard cannot be met.



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SB 6246: Concerning emissions from emissions-intensive, trade-exposed facilities under the climate commitment act.

Establishes a reporting and planning framework for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed facilities (EITEs) to support decarbonization in line with our climate pollution limits. Also requires the Department of Ecology to develop a report that will support the Legislature in determining an updated compliance pathway under the Climate Commitment Act for EITEs.

Senate Floor Action



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Possible Floor Vote

SB 6010: Concerning tribal consultation conducted by the energy facility site evaluation council.

Respect for Tribal sovereignty is a fundamental obligation of all Washington State agencies, including the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

This bill would support this obligation by ensuring that confidential and sensitive information regarding Tribal resources or Tribal rights potentially affected by a proposed energy facility remains confidential – while continuing to protect the public interest in an open and transparent government process.



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Possible Floor Vote

SB 6097: Adding federally recognized Indian tribes to the list of entities that may participate in the conservation futures program.

Adding Tribes as eligible recipients allows counties, land trusts, and other partners to partner on conservation acquisitions or transfer such lands where tribes are better suited for or interested in managing long-term. This is a long-needed change to conserve more threatened lands and natural resources, expand partnership opportunities, address past inequities, protect cultural identities, and distribute local grant funding fairly.



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Possible Floor Vote

SB 6148: Modifying the maximum terms of regional transit authority bond issues.

Allows for Sound Transit to have greater flexibility in bond length to ensure the continued build out of light rail and bus rapid transit across the central Puget Sound.

