

WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 16, 2026



House HOT LIST

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 Floor Action



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

HB 2251: Concerning climate commitment act accounts.

Changes some accounts under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) to better reflect the structure of the state budget. Creates a CCA operating account and a CCA capital account.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

HB 2271: Concerning postconsumer recycled content requirements for plastic products.

Adds additional product categories (rigid plastic items) and packaging categories (film) to the state's existing postconsumer recycled content law.

It is important to make sure that recycled items are being made into new items, displacing virgin oil and gas.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

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



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

HB 2351: Protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington.

Protects the safety of emergency responders and communities during emergencies like wildland fires by prohibiting local jurisdictions and law enforcement from assisting in enforcement actions that target emergency responders on the basis of immigration or citizenship status.



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

HB 2388: Concerning the siting of distributed energy generation resources on agricultural lands.

This bill ensures we can continue to protect agricultural land and develop clean energy at the same time by adding pivot corners as a distributed energy resource. Today, there are over 43,000 feasible acres of pivot corner land across Washington, representing 4.4 to 8.7 GW of potential solar energy.

House Committee Action



SUPPORT

House Transportation:
Public Hearing on
Wednesday, Feb. 18

SB 5203: Ensuring connectivity for Washington wildlife through safe passages.

Building safe passages for wildlife is the number one action we can take to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, improve road safety statewide, and stem the loss of biodiversity. Through implementation of the collaborative, science-driven Washington Habitat Connectivity Action Plan, it will re-connect fractured landscapes to support wildlife, habitat, and connect critical natural resources.



SUPPORT

House Agriculture &
Natural Resources:
Public Hearing on
Wednesday, Feb. 18

SB 5838: Adding tribal representation to the board of natural resources.

Adds Tribal representatives to the Board of Natural Resources to better reflect the various legal obligations within the board's responsibilities.



SUPPORT

House Agriculture &
Natural Resources:
Possible Public Hearing

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

This bill creates incentives for green fertilizer, which reduces emissions 80% compared to conventional production using methane-derived hydrogen. Potential emissions reductions for WA are immense--potentially a million metric tons CO2 per year.



SUPPORT

House Environment &
Energy:
Public Hearing on
Wednesday, Feb. 18

SB 5982: 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 Environment &
Energy:
Public Hearing on
Wednesday, Feb. 18

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.

