

WEEK 6: FEBRUARY 16, 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 Floor Action



SUPPORT

Possible Floor Vote

SB 5466: Improving reliability and capacity of the electric transmission system in Washington state.

Strengthens the grid to support Washingtons clean energy transition through creating a state transmission authority to facilitate new lines.



OPPOSE

Possible Floor Vote

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.

Senate Committee Action



SUPPORT

*Senate Agriculture & Natural Resources:
Public Hearing on
Thursday, February 19*

HB 2199: Reducing impacts from derelict vessels.

This bill streamlines derelict vessel removal by (1) removing the requirement that the owner is known and (2) including vessels that have not been registered for at least two years.



SUPPORT

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Public Hearing on
Wednesday, Feb. 18

HB 2215: Concerning climate commitment act compliance obligations for fuels supplied or otherwise sold into Washington.

Adjusts the compliance threshold for fuel suppliers under the Climate Commitment Act to ensure pollution is covered under the program as intended.



SUPPORT

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Public Hearing on
Friday, February 20

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 and not receive tax incentives, should it remain in operation.



SUPPORT

Senate Ways & Means:
Executive Session on
Thursday, February 19

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.

