

WEEK 7: FEBRUARY 23, 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

HB 1302: Concerning utility connection charge waivers

Would allow municipal utilities to waive connection charges for properties owned or developed by public or private organizations that use the property for industrial symbiosis.

Industrial symbiosis is a circular economy approach where different companies collaborate to turn one company’s waste, by-products, energy, or water into another’s.

Senate Committee Action



SUPPORT

*Senate Ways & Means:
Public Hearing on
Tuesday, February 24*

HB 2089: Supporting wildfire mitigation by modifying RCW 82.04.29005, concerning taxes on loan interest.

Supports wildfire funding needs by generating revenue via tax changes on interest income from investments or loans from high volume mortgage lenders. Revenue generated goes to the Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account.



SUPPORT

*Senate Agriculture &
Natural Resources:
Executive Session on
Monday, February 23*

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 Ways & Means:
Public Hearing 2/24
Exec. Session 2/26
Senate Transportation:
Public Hearing 2/27

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

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Executive Session on
Tuesday, February 24

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

Provides a glide path for compliance with the Climate Commitment Act that supports low-income ratepayers, reduces pollution, and creates a waste recovery plan for the Spokane incinerators.

Passed the House with a strongly bipartisan vote.



SUPPORT

*Senate Environment,
Energy & Technology:*
Executive Session on
Tuesday, February 24

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.

