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Environmental Community

## SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL HOT LIST for the STATE SENATE

SHB 1614, Invest in Clean Water, one of four Environmental Community Priorities, just passed out of the House and is likely to come before the Senate tomorrow. This hotlist provides basic information about the bill.

Respectfully,

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### SHB 1614: Reducing the amount of petroleum pollution in stormwater (a.k.a. Invest in Clean Water)

#### POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- Passed the House just a few moments ago.
- At a time of severe budget cuts and slashed programs, this bill is an immediate, substantive and achievable win for the environment, jobs and local governments. By imposing a **FEE** on petroleum products that contribute to stormwater pollution, this bill would address the single most pressing water quality problem in the state and would raise over \$100 million in new funds for cities, counties, ports and DOT. In particular, this bill will:
  - **Create jobs:** Building stormwater infrastructure is labor-intensive and by its nature local. \$100 million in new revenue could generate new construction jobs in every district in the state.
  - **Provide financial relief for local governments and ports:** The costs for federally mandated stormwater system upgrades are enormous and unavoidable. This bill will provide a critical source of funds to cashed-strapped local governments at a time they need it most.
  - **Dramatically improve water quality and the environment:** Polluted stormwater runoff must be addressed if we are to restore Puget Sound and ensure healthy rivers and streams across the state. This bill provides the means to get the job done.
- The bill is clearly a fee and not a tax



### Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ▪ Audubon Washington ▪ Climate Solutions ▪ Conservation Northwest ▪ Earth Ministry ▪ Environment Washington  
Fuse ▪ Futurewise ▪ Heart of America Northwest ▪ League of Women Voters of Washington ▪ Lutheran Public Policy Office  
National Wildlife Federation ▪ Nature Conservancy ▪ NW Energy Coalition ▪ People for Puget Sound ▪ Sierra Club ▪ Surfrider  
Foundation ▪ Transportation Choices Coalition ▪ Washington Citizens for Resource Conservation ▪ Washington Conservation Voters  
Washington Environmental Council ▪ WashPIRG ▪ Washington Toxics Coalition ▪ Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition