

WEEK of Monday, April 6, 2009

Environmental Community

Hot List for the STATE HOUSE

For the seventh year in a row, the environmental community will be sending legislators and key stakeholders its weekly Environmental Community "Hot List" detailing positions on no more than ten of the highest priority issues for the upcoming week. Separate Hot Lists will be prepared for the House and Senate and distributed each Monday via email and in hard copy to your office. At the end of the document, you will find a list of environmental community organizations that contributed to the Hot List. We hope you find this communication helpful. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@wcvoters.org or 206-369-2235, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

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

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- As the conversation around the state budget intensifies, there is growing momentum behind this bill as an immediate, real and substantive win for the environment, jobs and local governments.
- By imposing a fee on petroleum products that contribute to stormwater pollution, this bill would raise over \$100 million in new funds that can be used for improved water quality in Puget Sound and across Washington. This polluter-pays approach could fund job-creating infrastructure projects in every district in the state.



ESSB 5352: 2009-11 Transportation Budget

POSITION: *SUPPORT the Simpson Amendment* - 5352-S.E. AMH SIMP PARC 036 (#462)

- This amendment would strike a proviso that restricts WSDOT from signing off on a final EIS, or entering negotiations on an airspace lease, for the I-90 floating bridge project that moves the HOV lanes from the center to the outside lanes in preparation for adding light rail service to East King County cities.
- The proviso could significantly delay light rail service between Seattle and East King County cities as approved overwhelmingly by central Puget Sound voters this past November. The Simpson amendment to strike the proviso has been signed by 49 members, both Democratic and Republican.

ESSB 5583: Improving the effectiveness of water bank and exchange provisions.

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- A water bank, administered through the Trust Water Rights Program, is a mechanism that provides flexibility for supplying water to instream and out-of-stream demands and protects a water right holder from relinquishment while the water is managed through the bank.
- This bill clarifies how a water bank operates and provides a consistent statewide system for managing banked water.

E2SSB 5735: Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (a.k.a. formerly known as Cap and Invest).

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- It is critical this year to keep moving Washington forward in reducing dependence on fossil fuels and making real progress toward the 2020 emissions limits committed to in last year's Climate Action and Green Jobs law.
- We support this bill moving forward, to be strengthened on the House floor to make clearer progress in meeting Washington's 2020 emissions limits. Key pieces of a meaningful bill are measures to make Washington less-dependent on dirty coal power and taking steps to give people more transportation choices.



2SSB 5854: Reducing climate pollution in the built environment (a.k.a. Efficiency First).

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- This bill has considerable cost-effective greenhouse gas pollution reduction. Please pass this important policy and get the bill to the Governor's desk to sign.
- This modest investment by the state, which is included in the Senate Operating budget, will save the public and private sector money through savings in utility bills, will stimulate our economy, improve our buildings, create jobs in energy efficiency services, and increase accountability that will help WA receive additional federal stimulus dollars.



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