

WEEK of Monday, March 30, 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 COMMITTEE ACTION

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

General Government Appropriations: Possible Public Hearing

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- This modest investment by the state 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.
- After working with various stakeholders, this bill has been amended and the fiscal note has been drastically reduced. It is a balanced and cost effective approach to achieve energy efficiency in new and existing buildings, and reduce greenhouse gases.



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

General Government Appropriations: Possible Hearing and Executive Session

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- This Governor's-request legislation was weakened in the Senate to the point of a study bill in a year when it's time for action and it was further weakened in the House committee.
- We support this bill moving forward as a vehicle, so further discussions can create a meaningful bill that makes enforceable the emission limits committed to in last year's Climate Action and Green Jobs law and reduces our dependence on imported fossil fuels.



HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

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.

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