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Environmental Community

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL HOT LIST for the STATE SENATE

We hope you find this communication helpful in making your decision on SB 6428 when it comes to a Floor vote soon. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@wcvoters.org or 206-369-2235 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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POSSIBLE SENATE FLOOR ACTION

SB 6248: Regarding the use of bisphenol A. (a.k.a. The Safe Baby Bottle Act)

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- The Safe Baby Bottle Bill (2SHB 1180) passed the House 95-1 last week and included a ban on BPA in sports water bottles.
- The Food and Drug Administration recently reversed its opinion on the safety of BPA and is now concerned about the hormone disrupting chemical's use in baby bottles. In its new opinion on BPA, the agency cited the potential for effects on the brain, behavior, and prostate gland in fetuses, infants, and young children among the reason for their concern.
- Please ask for and support Sen. Ranker's amendment that will put sports water bottles back into the bill. Sports water bottles are used by children and pregnant women. A 2009 Harvard study found that drinking from a polycarbonate water bottle increases BPA levels by up to 69%. The Departments of Ecology and Health support banning BPA in sports water bottles because there are safer alternatives.



Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ▪ Audubon Washington ▪ Climate Solutions ▪ Conservation Northwest ▪ Earth Ministry ▪ Environment Washington Fuse ▪ Futurewise ▪ Heart of America Northwest ▪ Lands Council ▪ 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