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Environmental Community

Hot List for the STATE HOUSE

We hope that you find this communication helpful when ESHB 3131, the Clean Water Act of 2010, comes up for a Floor vote. 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 HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

ESHB 3181: The Clean Water Act of 2010 funding cleanup of water pollution and other programs necessary for the health and well-being of Washington citizens through an increase in the hazardous substance tax.

POSITION: *SUPPORT SPRINGER-NELSON STRIKER*

- The Springer-Nelson striker incorporates a number of compromise elements, including an export tax credit (sought by the oil companies) and a rebate for the trucking industry. By increasing the existing tax on hazardous substances by .85%, the striker would raise between \$80 and \$100 million for clean water, local governments and jobs across the state.
- This bill is a substantial win for clean water and local economies. It delivers on the promise of creating good paying jobs across the state at a time when our communities need them most. The export tax credit provision ensures that no refinery workers can lose their jobs as a direct result of this legislation and addresses the #1 concern of these workers.
- This bill is the highest priority for local governments.
- We also support the Upthegrove amendment which would cap direct payments by air carriers.

Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ▪ Audubon Washington ▪ Cascade Bicycle Club ▪ Climate Solutions ▪ Conservation Northwest ▪ Earth Ministry
Environment Washington Fuse ▪ Futurewise ▪ Heart of America Northwest ▪ The 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 Cascade Chapter ▪ 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