

WEEK of Monday, February 18, 2008

Environmental Community

# Hot List for the STATE SENATE

For the sixth 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](mailto:clifford@wcvoters.org) or 206-369-2235, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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## POSSIBLE SENATE FLOOR ACTION

### **SB 6307: Regarding Marine Managed Areas.**

**POSITION:** *SUPPORT*

- Develops a coordinated plan for the state’s several state aquatic protection area programs, under the aegis of the Puget Sound Partnership.
- Calls for strategic network of marine managed areas to help achieve the Partnership’s goal to recover Puget Sound to health by 2020.

### **SSB 6580: Addressing the impacts of climate change through the growth management act (a.k.a. Local Solutions to Global Warming; Sen. Chris Marr, Prime Sponsor).**

**POSITION:** *SUPPORT*

- One of the four environmental community priorities for 2008, the substitute sets in motion the important first steps to help local governments reduce their climate impact. The substitute adds a goal to the GMA of addressing climate change and provides local governments with the tools and support to manage growth in ways that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the likely affects of climate change.
- Cities and counties representing nearly 70% of the state’s population have committed to reducing their climate impact - it’s time to help them succeed. This bill ensures that local governments will have access to the tools needed to measure and reduce their climate impact before the next comprehensive plan cycle begins and to fund jurisdictions taking immediate action to address and adapt to climate change.



### **SB 6822: Establishing goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled.**

**POSITION:** *SUPPORT*

- This bill, based closely on one of the Climate Advisory Team’s “most promising” proposals, would set initial state goals to reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT). It would also convene a collaborative process to give growing regions the tools, strategies, and flexibility to plan for success.
- SB 6822 is one of the priority issues for Transportation Advocacy Day 2008, held on January 29th, presented by a coalition of eleven organizations promoting transportation solutions for healthier communities.

## Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ♦ Audubon Washington ♦ Climate Solutions ♦ Conservation Northwest ♦ Earth Ministries  
Environment Washington ♦ Futurewise ♦ Heart of America Northwest ♦ Lutheran Public Policy Office ♦ The Nature Conservancy  
NW Energy Coalition ♦ People for Puget Sound ♦ Puget Soundkeeper Alliance ♦ Sierra Club ♦ Transportation Choices Coalition  
WA Citizens for Resource Conservation ♦ Washington Conservation Voters ♦ Washington Environmental Council ♦ WashPIRG ♦  
Washington Toxics Coalition ♦ Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition